STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2026 No. 32 (C. 1)

CIVIL REGISTRATION

The Deaths, Still-Births and Baby Loss (2026 Act) (Commencement) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026

Made - - - - 26th February 2026

The Department of Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 12(1) of the Deaths, Still-Births and Baby Loss (Northern Ireland) Act 2026(**a**), makes the following Order:

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Deaths, Still-Births and Baby Loss (2026 Act) (Commencement) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026.

Appointed Day

2. The appointed day for the coming into operation of the following sections of the Deaths, Still-Births and Baby Loss (Northern Ireland) Act 2026 is 23rd March 2026 –

(a) section 2 (Power to approve electronic means);

(b) section 3 (Giving certificate of still-birth directly);

(c) section 4 (Giving certificate of cause of death directly);

(d) section 5 (Giving certificate of registration, or written notice of death, directly);

(e) section 6 (Registration of particulars of still-birth);

(f) section 7 (Manner in which particulars of death are required to be given); and

(g) section 10 (Repeal of temporary provisions).

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance on 26th February 2026

L.S.

P. D. Wales
A senior officer of the
Department of Finance

(**a**) 2026 c.2 (NI)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

This Order brings into operation on 23rd March 2026 the following provisions of the Deaths, Still-Births and Baby Loss (Northern Ireland) Act 2026 –

(a) section 2 (Power to approve electronic means);

(b) section 3 (Giving certificate of still-birth directly);

(c) section 4 (Giving certificate of cause of death directly);

(d) section 5 (Giving certificate of registration, or written notice of death, directly);

(e) section 6 (Registration of particulars of still-birth);

(f) section 7 (Manner in which particulars of death are required to be given); and

(g) section 10 (Repeal of temporary provisions).

© Crown copyright 2026

Printed and published in the UK by The Stationery Office Limited under the authority and superintendence of Saul Nassé, Controller of His Majesty's Stationery Office being the Government Printer for Northern Ireland and the Officer appointed to print Acts of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

£6.40

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/nisr/2026/32

ISBN 978-0-33-802588-3

9 780338 025883