STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. 1167 (C. 101)

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS & MARRIAGES, ETC.

The Data (Use and Access) Act 2025 (Commencement No. 10) Regulations 2026

Made - - - - 4th November 2026

Coming into force in accordance with regulation 2(1) and 2(2)

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 142(1) of the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025(**1**).

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025 (Commencement No. 10) Regulations 2026.

Commencement

2.—(1) The following provisions of the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025, so far as not already in force(**2**), come into force on 9th November 2026—

(a) section 61(1) and (2) (form in which registers of births and deaths are to be kept);

(b) section 62 (provision of equipment and facilities by local authorities);

(c) section 63 (requirements to sign register);

(d) section 64 (treatment of existing registers and records);

(e) section 65 (minor and consequential amendments) and Schedule 3 (registers of births and deaths: minor and consequential amendments).

(2) Section 61(3) of the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025 comes into force at 12.01am on 9th November 2026.

(**1**) 2025 c. 18.
(**2**) See section 142(2)(h) of the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025.

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Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State
Home Office

4th November 2026

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations bring into force sections 61 to 65 of the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025 (c. 18) ("the 2025 Act"). Regulation 2(1) brings the provisions specified in that regulation into force on 9th November 2026. Regulation 2(2) brings section 61(3) of the 2025 Act into force at 12.01 am on that date. These are the 10th commencement regulations made under the 2025 Act.

Section 61(1) and (2) of the 2025 Act substitute a new section 25 (provision of registers, etc. by Registrar General) into the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953 (c. 20) ("the 1953 Act"), which concerns the form in which registers are to be kept.

Section 61(3) of the 2025 Act omits sections 26 to 28 of the 1953 Act. This commences one minute after the other regulations to preserve the enabling power in section 26 of the 1953 Act. This sequencing ensures that the Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Regulations 2026 can take effect on 9 November 2026 and revoke regulation 71 (quarterly returns) of the Registration of Births and Deaths Regulations 1987 (S.I. 1987/2088), which prescribes forms under section 26 of the 1953 Act.

Section 62 of the 2025 Act inserts section 11A (provision of equipment and facilities by local authorities) into the Registration Service Act 1953 (c. 37). This sets out the local authority's obligations in relation to the provision and maintenance of such equipment or facilities that the Registrar General reasonably considers necessary for the superintendent registrar's and the registrar's office.

These Regulations commence section 63 (requirements to sign register) so far as it is not already in force. Section 63 is already in force to the extent provided by section 142(2)(h) of the 2025 Act.

Section 64 (treatment of existing registers and records) of the 2025 Act makes provision in relation to births and deaths registers held by superintendent registrars and the Registrar General before the repeal of section 28 of the 1953 Act and unfilled hard copy registers, and confers powers on the Registrar General to dispose of certified copies they hold. It also makes provision for existing electronic copies of births and deaths registers kept between and including 1st July 2009 and the day before these Regulations come into force, to be treated as the register.

Section 65 (minor and consequential amendments) introduces Schedule 3 (registers of births and deaths: minor and consequential amendments) to the 2025 Act. Schedule 3 to the 2025 Act sets out the minor and consequential amendments to the 1953 Act and other legislation as specified.

An impact assessment has not been prepared for this instrument as a full impact assessment was published in relation to the provisions in the Data (Use and Access) Bill. Copies can be obtained from the UK Government Website at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/data-use-and-access-bill-supporting-documents or from the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology at 22-26 Whitehall, London, SW1A 2EG, United Kingdom.

NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT REGULATIONS

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

The following provisions of the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025 (c. 18) have been brought into force, so far as they were not already in force(**3**), by commencement regulations made before the date of these Regulations.

Provision	*Date of Commencement*	*S.I. No.*
Part 1	20th August 2025	2025/904
Part 2 (partially)	1st December 2025	2025/1213
sections 67 to 68	5th February 2026	2026/82
sections 70 to 71, 72 (remaining parts), and 73	5th February 2026	2026/82
section 72 (partially)	20th August 2025	2025/904
section 74	20th August 2025	2025/904
sections 75 to 77	5th February 2026	2026/82
section 79	5th September 2025	2025/996
sections 80 to 81	5th February 2026	2026/82
section 83	5th February 2026	2026/82
section 84	20th August 2025	2025/904
sections 85 to 87	5th February 2026	2026/82
section 88	5th September 2025	2025/996
sections 89 and 90	17th November 2025	2025/996
sections 91 to 93	20th August 2025	2025/904
section 94	5th February 2026	2026/82
section 95	20th August 2025	2025/904
sections 98 to 101	5th February 2026	2026/82
section 102	20th August 2025	2025/904
section 103	19th June 2026	2026/82
section 104	20th August 2025	2025/904
section 105	5th February 2026	2026/82
sections 106 to 109	20th August 2025	2025/904
section 110 (partially)	20th August 2025	2025/904
section 110 (remaining parts)	5th February 2026	2026/82
section 111	20th August 2025	2025/904
section 112	5th February 2026	2026/82

(**3**) See section 142(2)(h) of the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025.

section 113	20th August 2025	2025/904
sections 114 to 116	5th February 2026	2026/82
section 117 (partially)	20th August 2025	2025/904
section 117 (remaining part)	30th September 2026	2026/1015
section 118	30th September 2026	2026/1015
section 119	30th September 2026	2026/1015
sections 120 to 121	5th February 2026	2026/82
Section 123	12th February 2026	2026/126
section 124	30th September 2025	2025/982
section 125	20th August 2025	2025/904
section 129	20th August 2025	2025/904
section 130	5th February 2026	2026/82
section 132	5th February 2026	2026/82
section 133 (partially)	5th February 2026	2026/82
sections 134 to 137	20th August 2025	2025/904
section 138	6th February 2026	2026/31
Schedules 4 to 9	5th February 2026	2026/82
Schedule 10	19th June 2026	2026/82
Schedule 11 (partially)	20th August 2025	2025/904
Schedule 11 (partially)	31st March 2026	2026/317
Schedules 11 (remaining parts) to 13	5th February 2026	2026/82
Schedule 14	20th August 2025	2025/904
Schedule 15	5th February 2026	2026/82