

# COMMUNIQUÉ

## Implementation of New Format for Birth, Stillbirth, Marriage and Death Certificates

The Civil Status Division wishes to inform members of the public and all concerned stakeholders that, with effect from **Monday, 19 October 2026**, a new format of **Birth, Stillbirth, Marriage and Death Certificates** will be introduced.

The new format will be printed on **standardised light grey security paper** and will incorporate enhanced security features, including the automatic generation of serial numbers by the Civil Status Database.

The new format of the Birth, Stillbirth, Marriage and Death Certificates shall have the **same legal validity** as certificates previously issued by the Civil Status Division and shall continue to be recognised and accepted for all official, administrative and legal purposes.

Members of the public who are already in possession of Birth, Stillbirth, Marriage or Death Certificates issued under the previous format **are not required to apply for replacement certificates** solely on account of the introduction of the new format.

However, where a certificate issued within the preceding **three (3) months** is required, the certificate will be issued in the new format.

Members of the public and all concerned stakeholders are kindly requested to take note of the above.

The Civil Status Division thanks members of the public and all concerned stakeholders for their understanding and cooperation.

**Civil Status Division**  
**Prime Minister's Office**  
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