



**Bermuda Government
Department of Maritime Administration**

THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (RETURNS OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS) REGULATIONS 1980

RETURN OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS

FOR THE PURPOSES OF REGULATIONS 5 AND 6 OF THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (RETURNS OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS) REGULATIONS 1980

IMPORTANT: The Consul or other Officer abroad or the Superintendent in the United Kingdom to whom this Return is rendered should forward it without delay, BY AIR, wherever possible, direct to: The Registrar of Shipping, P.O. Box HM1628, Hamilton HMGX, Bermuda.

Name of Ship and Port of Registry	Official Number	Name and address of owners

A Return of Birth or Death is to be delivered to a Superintendent, Consul, or Shipping Master at the earliest opportunity. The Master should produce the Return together with his Official Log Book recording the occurrence.

INSTRUCTIONS TO MASTERS*

BERMUDA REGISTERED SHIPS

The Master is required to make a Return of any birth of a child and of any death in the ship, **and of the death, WHEREVER OCCURRING OUTSIDE OF Bermuda, of any person **employed** in the ship.

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE TO CONSULS, SHIPPING MASTERS, AND SUPERINTENDENTS

It is important that the Officer receiving a Return from a Master be satisfied that it is correctly completed in all particulars. Any omission or ambiguity – such as stating the cause of death simply as “missing” – will only lead to delay in registration. The Officer should also satisfy himself that the person making the Return is the Master of the ship and that the vessel is a sea-going ship. He should confirm that the entry in this Return and in the Official Log Book (where carried) are consistent with one another.

If a death occurred ashore or the body was brought ashore it would be helpful if a copy of the Post Mortem findings or other medical or police reports with a translation into English if in a foreign language is attached to this Return. The Officer should also refer to Chapter VIII of his United Kingdom Instructions or Notes for Guidance in order to find out whether he is to hold an inquiry into the cause of death.

*Master includes every person (except a pilot) having command or charge of any ship.

** “In the ship” includes in a ship’s boat or a ship’s life raft and being lost from a ship, a ship’s boat, or ship’s life raft.

BIRTHS

Date of Birth	Place of Birth (Port or Latitude and Longitude if at sea)	Forenames (if any) and Surname of Child	Sex	Father		Mother			Signature of Father * and/or Mother of the child
				Name, Surname, and Occupation	Usual Residence and Nationality	Name and Surname	Maiden surname and Surname at marriage if different	Usual Residence and Nationality	

*NOTE: If child is illegitimate the particulars relating to the father must not be given unless it is at the joint request of the mother and the person acknowledging himself to the father, in which case such person shall, as well as the mother, sign the Return.

DEATHS

Date of Death	Place of Death (by Latitude and Longitude if at sea)	Name and Surname of Deceased (also maiden surname of woman who has married, if known)	Sex	Date of Birth (if known) or Age	Occupation, rank, or profession	Usual Residence at time of Death	Nationality	Cause of Death

<p>CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY THE PROPER OFFICER TO WHOM THIS RETURN IS DELIVERED</p> <p>This report was made to me at the date and place shown hereunder. I have examined the Official Log Book containing the relevant entries. The wages and effects of the deceased have been received by me _____ left in charge of the Master _____. I have / have not held an inquiry under Section 232 of the Merchant Shipping Act 2002 (Delete as necessary)</p> <p>Signature of Officer _____</p> <p>Title of Officer and Port _____</p> <p>Date _____</p>	<p>CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY MASTER</p> <p>I hereby certify that this Return is correct and true and that I have recorded the death in the Official Log Book or other record of the ship and that the extract from the Official Log Book at page 4 of this Return is a true extract.</p> <p>Signature of Master _____</p> <p>Full Name of Master _____</p> <p>Date _____</p>
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Additional particulars in respect of deceased members of the crew, if known.

Name Relationship & Address of Next of Kin _____

Discharge Book No. _____

Bermuda ships only. If the deceased was engaged on a "supplementary" agreement state date and place such agreement was opened.	Date:
	Place:

Copy of entry or entries relating to the death appearing in the narrative section of the Official Log Book or other official record.

Date & hour of the occurrence	Place of occurrence or situation by latitude and longitude at sea	Date of entry	Entries required by Regulations made under Section 64, Merchant Shipping Act, 1979