



# **Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration (Prescribed Information) Amendment Regulations 2013**

Jerry Mateparae, Governor-General

## **Order in Council**

At Wellington this 8th day of July 2013

Present:

His Excellency the Governor-General in Council

Pursuant to section 88(1)(b) of the Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Act 1995, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council, makes the following regulations.

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## **Regulations**

- 1 Title**

These regulations are the Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration (Prescribed Information) Amendment Regulations 2013.
- 2 Commencement**

These regulations come into force on 16 August 2013.
- 3 Principal regulations**

These regulations amend the Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration (Prescribed Information) Regulations 1995 (the **principal regulations**).
- 4 Regulation 5 amended (Information relating to solemnisation of marriage)**
  - (1) In regulation 5(a), replace “the bride and bridegroom” with “parties to the marriage (whether bride, bridegroom, or partner)”.
  - (2) After regulation 5(a)(iii), insert:

“(iia) sex.”
  - (3) In regulation 5(b), replace “bride and bridegroom” with “parties (whether bride, bridegroom, or partner)”.
- 5 Regulation 6A amended (Notification of death for registration)**

In regulation 6A(e), replace “the mother and father” with “the parents”.
- 6 Regulation 8 amended (Marriage certificates)**
  - (1) In regulation 8(a), replace “the bride and bridegroom” with “parties to the marriage (whether bride, bridegroom, or partner)”.

- (2) In regulation 8(b), replace “bride and bridegroom” with “parties (whether bride, bridegroom, or partner)”.
- (3) After regulation 8(b), insert:
  - “(ba) in relation to a marriage in respect of which the sex of the parties to the marriage was recorded, the sex of each party:”.

Rebecca Kitteridge,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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### **Explanatory note**

*This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.*

These regulations, which come into force on 16 August 2013, amend the Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration (Prescribed Information) Regulations 1995 (the **principal regulations**). The regulations make amendments to reflect the fact that, when the Marriage (Definition of Marriage) Amendment Act 2013 comes into force, same-sex marriages will be possible. The amendments—

- allow for the possibility that either party to a marriage may be referred to as a bride, bridegroom, or partner; and
- provide for the collection of information about the sex of each party to a marriage.

The regulations also amend the principal regulations to allow for the possibility that a deceased person will have parents of the same sex.

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