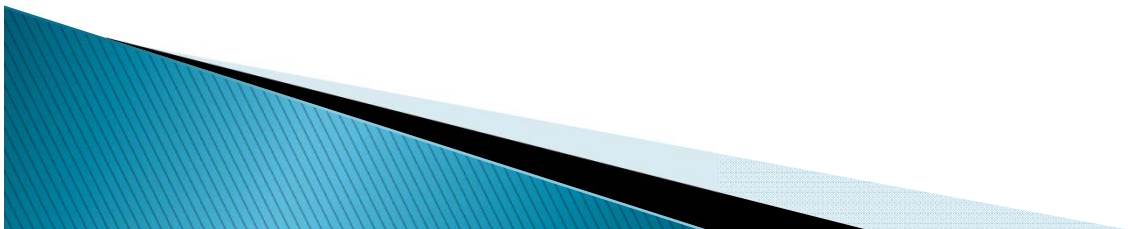


Death Certification in the kingdom of Bahrain

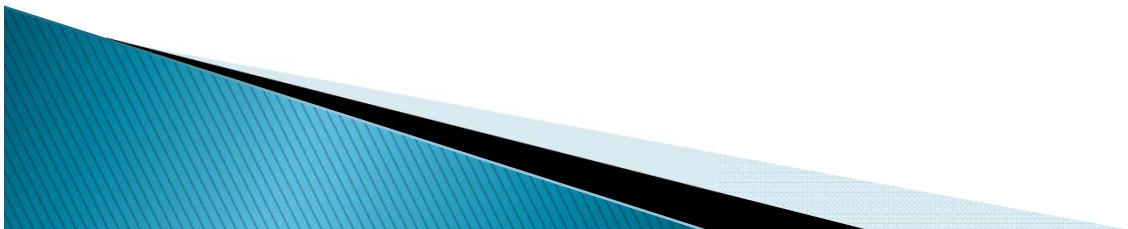
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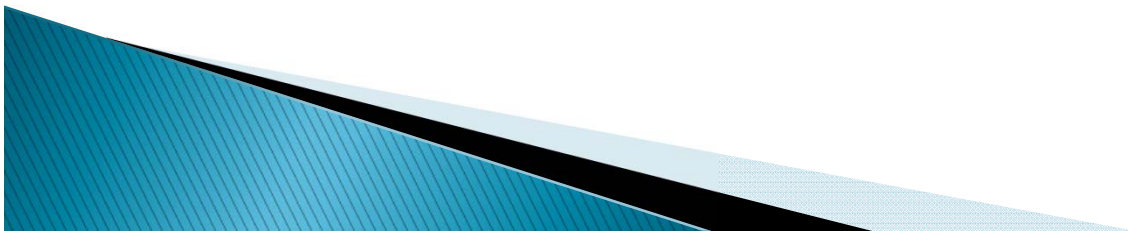
Civil registration

- **Ministry of Health is responsible for the registration of births and deaths.**
- **Ministry of Justice and Islamic Affairs is responsible for the registration of marriages and divorces.**



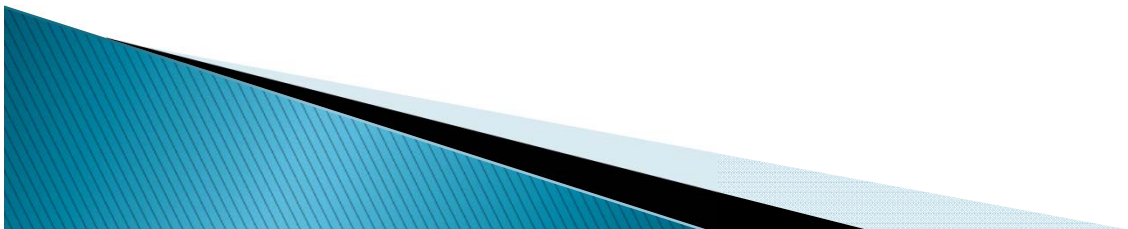
The Birth and Death Registration Unit at Public Health Directorate :

Responsible for recording and registering all the births and deaths in the kingdom as per the Ameri Decree No.6, 1970 followed by another decree No.17, 1998 for review of some of the legislations.

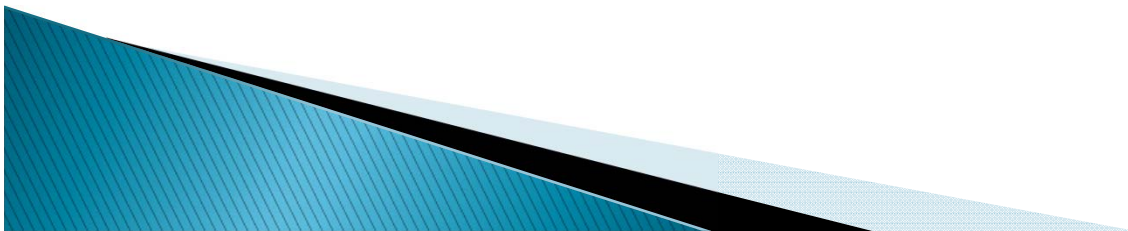


Death Registration:

- **The registration was officially started at 1973 manually in a big registrar books.**
- **The electronic Death Registration was developed and implemented since November 2002 by Health Information Directorate.**
- **Today, all the death registrations data from 2003 to-date were stored in a database.**

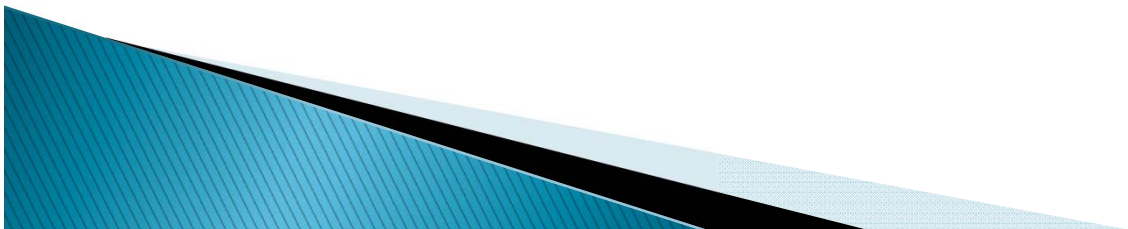


Death Certification Process in Bahrain

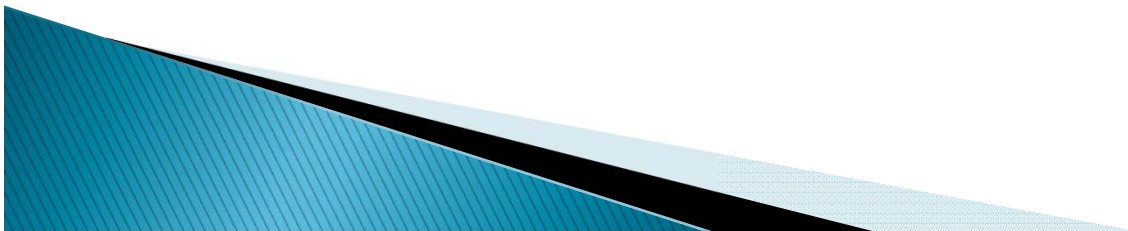


The death certificate is the source for national mortality statistics and the accuracy of the latter depends on its completeness and accuracy.

The accuracy of the death certificate depends mostly on the underlying cause of death.




•In accordance with recommendations made by the United Nations and WHO a standard Death Certificate Notification Form was used in Bahrain



Death certification form

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

**KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN
MINISTRY OF HEALTH
PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTORATE
BIRTH & DEATH REG. OFFICE**



**مملكة البحرين
وزارة الصحة
إدارة الصحة العامة
مكتب تسجيل المواليد والوفيات**

**إخطار طبي عن سبب الوفاة
MEDICAL NOTIFICATION OF CAUSE OF DEATH**

PERSONAL NO. الرقم الشخصي

DECEASED FULL NAME : الاسم الكامل للمتوفى :

NATIONALITY: الجنسية: Age: العمر: Sex: النوع:

TIME OF DEATH (24 hours) وقت الوفاة (٢٤ ساعة) Date of death: / / تاريخ الوفاة:

PLACE OF DEATH: مكان الوفاة:

Address منطقة مجمع شارع/طريق/ممر مبنى العنوان
Area Block Street/Road/Avenue Build. Flat

Health Cent. المركز الصحي Telephone No. رقم الهاتف

سبب الوفاة CAUSE OF DEATH	ICD CODING	Approximate interval between onset and death
I Disease or condition directly leading to death.* (a) due to (or as a consequence of):		
Antecedent causes Morbid conditions, if any giving rise to the above cause, stating the underlying conditions last. (b) due to (or as a consequence of):		
(c) due to (or as a consequence of):		
II Other significant conditions contributing to the death, but not related to the disease or condition causing it.		

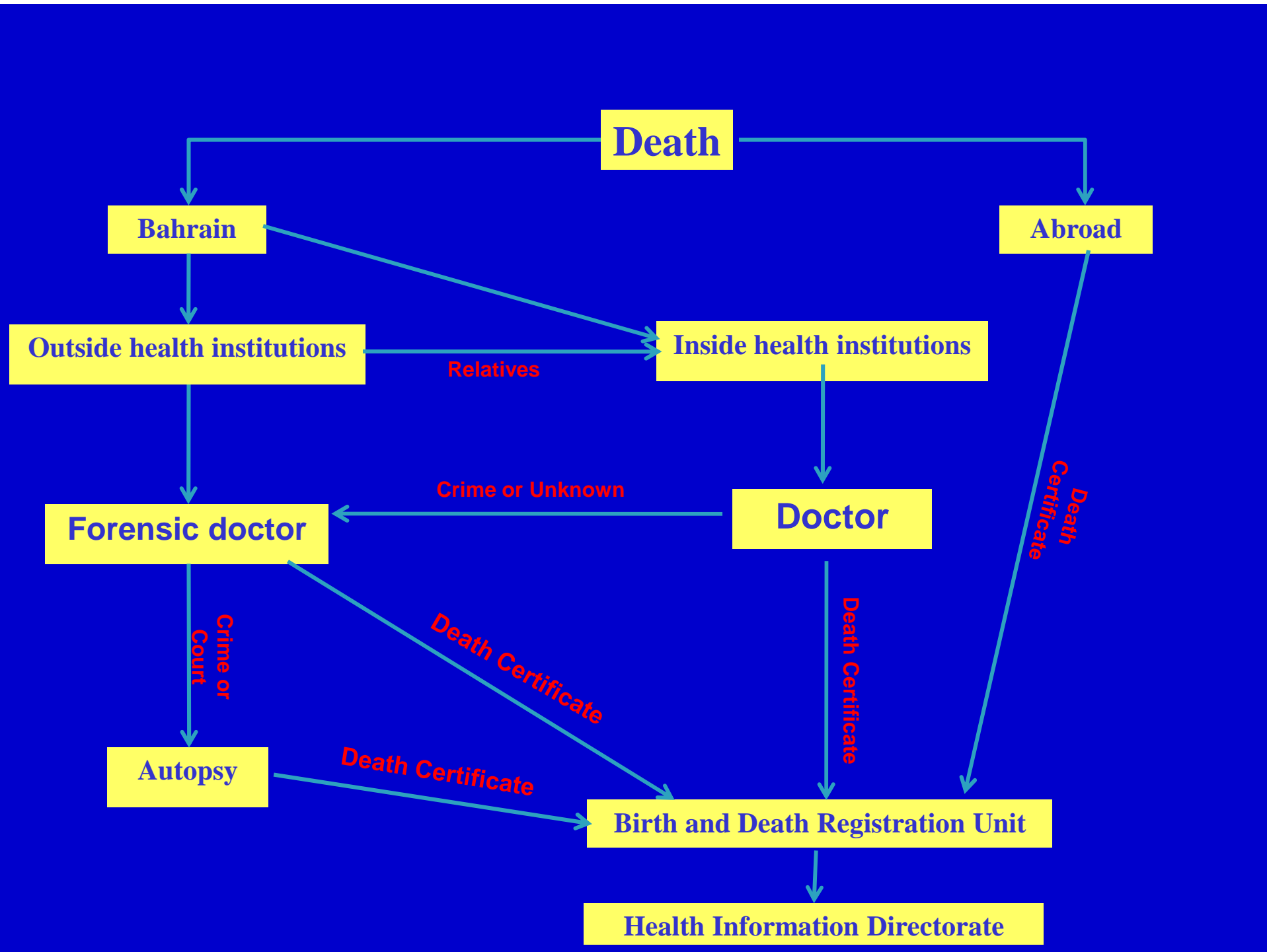
*This does not mean the mode of dying e.g. heart failure, asthenic, etc. It means the disease, injury, or complication which caused death.

I hereby certify that the particular of the deceased and the cause of death written above are true to the best of my knowledge.

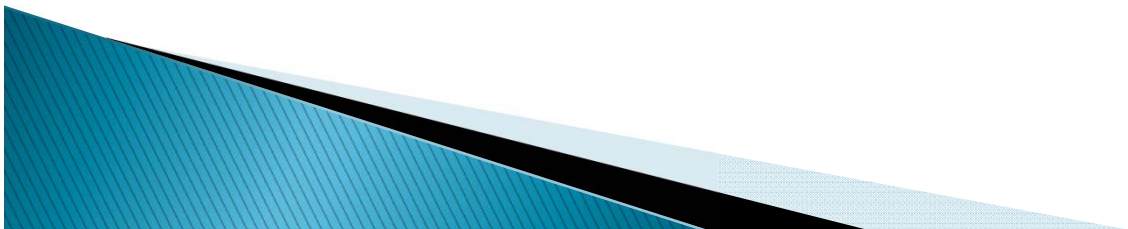
Full Name الاسم الكامل

Qualification المؤهلات Status الوظيفة

Signature التوقيع Date تاريخ




- ***Bahrain introduced the coding system for the underlying cause of death in 1971 .***
- ***Initially the cause of death was coded by ICD 8 and replaced by ICD 9 in 1976 and ICD 10 in 2003.***



• Despite the fact that Bahrain is known to have good health indicators compared to other countries, the WHO assessment of the cause of death rated Bahrain data to be 100% complete. However, a quarter of deaths were coded to ill-defined causes thus rated as low quality data.

• In Bahrain, ill-defined causes of death are usually the second cause of death after diseases of the circulatory system, however in 2007 they ranked first (MOH,2007)



Thank you

