## **Registration and Citizenship**

Since the merging of the Registry of Deeds and Pathway to Citizenship Unit and the renaming of the Department as Registration and Citizenship in 2011 the Registrar General has been given the tasks of managing that Department. Some of the duties and responsibilities has been reassigned to the local Registrars.

## **Our Mission**

Registration and Citizenship mission is to provide evidence of every birth, stillbirth, death, marriage and adoption and to provide a secure repository for public records.

The Registrar General is responsible for managing the day to day operation of the Department of Registration and Citizenship and maintaining a budget which includes Expenditure, Revenue and Manpower that consists of fourteen staff members. The Department has two Offices: The head Office in Grand Turk and an office in Providenciales which is mainly responsible for the Registration of Births.

The Department is responsible for the Issuance of Birth, Death, Marriage, Permanent Residence, Naturalization Certificates, Passports and Belonger Status Cards and Certificates for the Turks and Caicos Islands.

As it relates to Civil Registration:

The Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages are governed by the Turks and Caicos Islands Ordinance Chapter 11.1

## **Objectives of the Registrar General**

- 1. To ensure accurate and timely registration of all vital events.
- 2. Ensure that the public is fully informed of registration procedures to enable them to promptly and accurately give notice of all vital events to effect registration.
- 3. Provide a central facility for authentication and safekeeping of public records so that there is a secure repository for all data, concerning the registration and recording of sensitive documents.
- 4. Provide access to certified copies of public documents to customers, in a timely manner.

The Local Registrars are responsible for registration of births. All certificates are sign by the Registrar Generq

Currently all entries are done manually.

Given the fact that this is the first time participating in a Civil Registration workshop for the Turks and Caicos I can assure everyone here that the knowledge gain will be very beneficial to the department in identifying progress and revise strategies to ensure that no child born in the TCI is unregistered.

That brings me to the end of my presentation. Thank you for your attention.

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