

REGISTRATION OF VITAL EVENTS

Presentation by the Central Office
For Civil Registry, Suriname

- ▶ **The vital events in Suriname are registered by the Central Office for Civil Registry and her field-offices. There are 10 districts with 42 field offices across the whole country.**
- ▶ **The following vital events are registered: births, deaths, foetal deaths (stillbirth), marriages, divorces**
- ▶ **The registration of vital events is based on the Civil Code and the Law on Civil Registration, and the different Regulations on Civil Registry.**

INTRODUCTION

- ▶ According to the law the registration of births should be by place of occurrence. The registration is done in the district the child is borne. This is mentioned in the birth certificate. The residence of the mother is also mentioned in the birth certificate.
- ▶ According to the law, there are 2 periods of time for registration of births: 3 days in Paramaribo (urban), and 16 days in the other districts (rural)
- ▶ This difference of time periods is because of the long distance between the city and the districts and the interior.

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS

- ▶ **There are no costs for registration of births, when done according to the time by law.**
- ▶ **Late registration: mostly in the rural, and there is a penalty fee**
- ▶ **Delayed registration: mostly in the interior, you need to have court approval for the registration, and there is a penalty fee**

CON'T REGISTRATION OF BIRTH

- ▶ **According to the law the registration of deaths should be by place of occurrence. This is mentioned in the death certificate. The residence of the deceased is also mentioned in the death certificate.**
- ▶ **According to the law, there are 2 periods of time for registration of death: 24 hours/1day in Paramaribo (urban), and 16 days in the other districts (rural)**
- ▶ **This difference of time periods is because of the long distance between the districts and the interior.**

REGISTRATION OF DEATHS

- ▶ **There are no costs for registration of death, when done according to the time by law.**
- ▶ **Late registration: mostly in the rural, and there is a penalty fee**
- ▶ **Delayed registration: mostly in the interior, you need to have court approval for the registration, and there is a penalty fee**

CON'T REGISTRATION OF DEATH

- ▶ **There are 2 ways of celebrating marriages:**
 - 1) **By the civil registrar**
 - 2) **By an appointed and sworn religious official**

- ▶ **This vital event is registered by place of occurrence and is registered at the office of the civil registry (field office)**

- ▶ **the law doesn't provide for an specific time of registration, but the field offices register the marriages as much as possible within a day or two after the marriage certificate is issued.**

REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGE

- ▶ **After the Court gives the absolute, the divorcee needs to register the divorce within 6 months at the office for civil registry in the district where the marriage was celebrated. If by any reason the divorcee was not able to do so, and the 6 months have passed, the marriage union is still valid, and he/she has to start the procedure for divorce again.**
- ▶ **After the registration, the divorcee is issued a divorce certificate free.**

REGISTRATION OF DIVORCES

The costs for registration of birth, stillbirth, death and divorces are free;

For the registration of marriage there are some cost to pay

FEES / COSTS FOR REGISTRATION OF VITAL EVENTS

THANK YOU!!!

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