



# NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

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No. 51 of 1987

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## AN ACT

to amend the *Registration of Births, Deaths  
and Marriages Act*

[Assented to 16 November, 1987]

**B**E it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory of Australia, with the assent as provided by the *Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978* of the Commonwealth, as follows:

### 1. SHORT TITLE

This Act may be cited as the *Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Amendment Act 1987*.

### 2. COMMENCEMENT

This Act shall come into operation on the commencement of the *Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Amendment Act 1986*.

### 3. PRINCIPAL ACT

The *Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Act* is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

### 4. REPEAL

Section 4 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting subsection (2).

### 5. INTERPRETATION

Section 5 of the Principal Act is amended -

- (a) by inserting in subsection (1) after the definition of "parent" the following:
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"'prescribed', in relation to the form or, unless otherwise prescribed by the Regulations, content of a form or certificate, means prescribed by the Registrar or, if the Minister thinks fit, the Minister;"

(b) by omitting subsection (2) and substituting the following:

"(2) For the purposes of this Act -

(a) the particulars required to be entered in the Register of Births in relation to a child born in the Territory or whose birth is permitted to be registered under section 16; and

(b) the particulars required to be entered in the Register of Deaths in relation to a person who dies in the Territory or whose death is required to be registered under section 26(1)(a),

are the particulars prescribed by the Regulations."; and

(c) by inserting after subsection (3) the following:

"(4) The Registrar or, as the case may be, the Minister, shall be taken to have prescribed the form or content of a form or certificate for the purposes of this Act if a copy of the form or certificate -

(a) is endorsed accordingly and signed by the Registrar or, as the case may be, the Minister; and

(b) when endorsed, is available for public inspection at the office of the Registrar, upon application, during ordinary office hours.".

6. EVIDENCE

Section 56 of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(3) A form or certificate issued by or on behalf of the Registrar or, as the case may be, the Minister, is sufficient evidence, unless the contrary is proved, that the form or certificate, if required to be prescribed pursuant to this Act, has been so prescribed.".

7. REGULATIONS

Section 63(2) of the Principal Act is amended by omitting paragraph (b).