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NATURAL DEATH

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The Importance of Death Registration

Beyond the legal proof of a person's passing and enabling families to settle the deceased's affairs, claim benefits, prevent fraud, and identity theft, it ensures updated government records that prevent misuse of services while supporting public health planning through accurate national statistics and preserving genealogical records, safeguarding family heritage for future generations.



Death by NATURAL Cause

A death is considered **natural** if the deceased was known to have a natural illness and died as a result of that illness. For a death to be considered natural, the following conditions must be met:

- **The death should not have occurred suddenly or from accidental, violent or suspicious causes.**
- **Deceased was attended to by a Medical Doctor during his/her 'last illness'.**
- **Deceased was seen by a Medical Doctor within the last three (3) months prior to death.**

Other types of Death...

- **Sudden death** – this occurs when an individual who was not known to be ill or under a doctor's care unexpectedly dies.
- **Violent death** – is death that occurs under violent circumstances.
- **Accidental death** - this is a death that occurs as a result of unintentional circumstances.

Who can register a death?

Any of the following individuals can register the death:

- Relative present at the time of death or in attendance during the last illness.
- Person present at the time of death or living in the house where the death occurred.
- Any relative residing in the same district as the deceased.
- Person causing the body to be buried or cremated.

Before a Natural Death can be registered...

1. The Police must be notified if the death did not occur at a hospital.
2. The Police must investigate to determine the circumstances of the death.
3. If no foul-play was suspected, the Police will instruct the family to obtain a Medical Certificate of the Cause of Death (MCCD) from the Medical Doctor.
4. The signed MCCD will be issued to the family or person causing the body to be buried/ cremated so that it can be presented to the ORG's Local District Registrar (LDR) for the registration of the death.



When should a death be registered?

The laws of Jamaica requires all deaths to be registered after five (5) days and within 12 months.

If a death is not registered within 12 months, permission of the Office of the Registrar-General (OR-G) is needed to conduct a **Late Registration of Death**.

How do I register the death?

The family member or person causing the body to be buried/ cremated must take the signed MCCD issued by the Medical Practitioner to the OR-G's Local District Registrar or Registration Centre within five (5) days of the death.

The person registering the death should provide the Registrar with the personal particulars of the deceased including:

- Name (including maiden name)
- Age at last birthday
- Usual occupation
- Address/ Usual place of residence
- Parish of birth
- Birth certificate or ID of the deceased

Once the death is registered a Burial Order will be issued by the Office of the Registrar-General.