



## LRB happens because of the following reasons:

**Cultural beliefs:** The delay in giving name to a child because of cultural beliefs result in child registration being deferred. Home Affairs encourages all parents to give name to a child immediately after birth to avoid late registration of births

**Mothers leaving health facilities without registering their babies:** Reasons such as lack of information about Home Affairs services in maternity hospitals, absence of Home Affairs offices in some maternity facilities, mothers who visit maternity facilities to give birth but are without required documentation for birth registration etc causes mothers to delay timely birth registration.

Home Affairs encourages mothers not to leave connected hospitals without registering births of their children.

**Babies born at Home:** Mothers who give births at home and do not have proof of births or clinic/hospital cards delay registration of births. Home Affairs encourages all mothers to visit nearest Home Affairs offices to register births of children within 30 days.

**Mothers without Identity Document:** Mothers without enabling documents (IDs, valid permits or passports) delay the registration of births for their children. Home Affairs encourages mothers to acquire valid documentation so that they are able to register their babies within the stipulated period of 30 days.

**Citizens without any form of documentation:** lack of documentation could be as a result of absence of access to

## BUILDING A SECURE, ACCURATE AND CREDIBLE NATIONAL POPULATION REGISTER WITH A SINGLE POINT OF ENTRY AT BIRTH

**Did you know?** In terms of the Law, all births should be registered with the Department of Home Affairs within 30 days of birth.

The Department of Home Affairs is doing away with the Late Registration of Birth (LRB). According to the law, LRB is any birth registered after 30 days.

The existence of LRB poses serious security risks for the country as it opens possibilities for fraudulent entries into the National Population Register.

The Department encourages all citizens who have not registered their births to visit Home Affairs offices now in order to have their births registered on the National Population Register.



# NO MORE LATE REGISTRATION OF BIRTH (LRB) AFTER 31 DECEMBER 2015

BREAKING NEWS!

Home Affairs services, ie, people who are institutionalised; not having legal guardians or next of kin; etc.

Home Affairs encourages all South Africans particularly farmworkers, people in orphanages, old-age homes; homeless; rural areas, etc, to ensure their births and that of their children and siblings are registered.

The Department is embarking on the Late Registration of Birth Mop-Up campaign as a drive to document all the country's population, who remained excluded from the National Population Register and therefore, not officially recognised as citizens.

Eradicating the Late Registration of Birth will ensure the following benefits:

- A secure and credible National Population Register (NPR)
- Only one entry to the NPR and that is at Birth
- Elimination of corrupt and fraudulent entry into the NPR.
- Increased awareness among members of the public of the need to protect and secure the South African National Identity
- Ensure security of the Birth Certificate as the Base Identity Document
- Increased awareness amongst members of the public about the security nature of Home Affairs

## What if births are not registered within 30 days after birth?

Failure to register birth within 30 days will result to an applicant paying a certain fee and it will involve screening committee which will make recommendations to the Director-General. A screening process will involve interviews and verification of information. All these processes might further delay the registration of birth.

The Department of Home Affairs encourages both citizens and non-citizens to register all LRB before **December 2015**.



The law requires that only parents may give notice of births. In cases where parents are deceased, any of the prescribed persons (i.e. legal guardian, next of kin) may give notice of birth.

Home Affairs is working with key partners in government, Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), Community Based Organisations (CBOs), Faith Based Organisations (FBOs), Traditional Leaders and other sectors to make citizens aware about the LRB Mop-Up campaign. Home Affairs stakeholder forums (structures established to assist and advise Home Affairs on service delivery implementation) will also be participating in the campaign. The need to conduct household profiling and assess the number of people in communities without Birth Certificate and IDs is important in this regard.

## Basic Requirements for Registration of Birth within 30 days are as follows:

- The registration of a child can be done at connected maternity hospitals, clinics or Home Affairs offices
- To register a child within 30 days after birth, a stamped original Proof of Birth or Clinic Card from the Hospital or Clinic
- Parents' Identity documents (ID)

- if parents are married in civil or customary union, original or certified copy of marriage certificate is required
- If parents are not married, both parents must present themselves personally at the nearest Home Affairs Office and bring along their ID documents, to sign and acknowledge paternity

## Basic Requirements for Late Registration of Birth (LRB) are as follows:

- Notice of birth on Form DHA – 24 (one photo of the child to be attached on the form)
- Affidavit on Form DHA – 288 (completed by informant stating child's birth's detail and life events)
- Two recent photos of the applicant
- Finger prints of a child and informant on DHA – 24/A
- Original if document of the informant must be presented
- Certified copy of the informant's ID document
- Optional (clinic card, hospital letter, maternity certificate)
- Optional (If child's parents are married, a copy of the marriage certificate)

## Join the Campaign! Register Birth within 30 Days!

Build a secure, accurate and credible National Population Register with a single point of entry, at birth!

## Avoid Penalties! Register Birth Now!

For more information contact client service number 0800 60 1190 or visit DHA website [www.dha.gov.za](http://www.dha.gov.za).  
Normal sms rate charges apply.