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Acceptance of National Birth Certificate as a primary document proving birth

In terms of the Electronic Transactions (e-Population Register) Orders, No. 01 of 2014, enacted under the Electronic Transaction Act, No. 19 of 2006, the data related to a birth is electronically filed, and thereby, the National Birth Certificate is issued by the Registrar General's Department.

Accordingly, you are hereby informed that any of the two documents, the register of birth issued under the Births and Death Registration Act, No. 17 of 1951, or the National Birth Certificate issued in terms of the Electronic Transactions (e-Population Register) Orders, No. 01 of 2014, enacted under the Electronic Transaction Act, No. 19 of 2006, shall be accepted as a primary document proving the birth of a person.

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