



REPUBLIC OF NAURU

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) ACT 2025

No. 26 of 2025

An Act to amend the *Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 2017* and for other related purposes.

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Enacted by the Parliament of Nauru as follows:

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration (Amendment) Act 2025*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the date it is certified by the Speaker.

3 Amendment of the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 2017

The *Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 2017* is amended by the provisions of this Act.

4 Amendment of Part 7

Part 7 is amended by inserting a new Section as follows:

'77A Approval of the registration of a religious body by the Cabinet

- (1) A religious organisation may apply to the Cabinet for the approval of the organisation to be registered as an approved organisation under the *Registration of Association Act 2020*.
- (2) The Registrar shall submit the application to the Minister, being satisfied of the principal object or objects of the organisation is to uphold or promote religious beliefs or philosophical or humanitarian convictions.
- (3) The Minister shall seek the approval of the Cabinet for the organisation to be declared as an approved organisation under this Act and capable of being registered as an association under the *Registration of Associations Act 2020*.
- (4) The Registrar shall upon receiving Cabinet approval, by notice in the Gazette declare the organisation to be an approved organisation.
- (5) The procedure for application shall be prescribed.'

5 Amendment of Section 78

- (1) The Section heading of Section 78 is deleted and substituted with the following **'Approval of persons to solemnise marriage or funeral service'**.
- (2) Section 78(1) is amended by deleting 'as an organisation which may' and substituting with 'to'.
- (3) Section 78(4) is deleted.