

Irish Civil Registration Records



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OVERVIEW:

Civil registration started in Ireland in 1845, but only for non-Catholic marriages. In 1864, the system was extended to ALL births, ALL marriages, and ALL deaths. **Most**, but not quite all, of the historical records can now be searched and viewed online according to the well-accepted 100-75-50-year restriction at the Irish Government's free IrishGenealogy.ie site.

Online indexes of births, marriages and deaths are available on other sites up to 1958. These collections do not include any images of register entries, but you can use the index reference to purchase copies of the corresponding register entry.

Offline indexes of births, marriages and deaths are available to search, for a fee, for all years to current at the GRO Research Room in Dublin to personal visitors only.

IrishGenealogy.ie — Index + Register images

Births 1864 — 1918
Marriages 1845 — 1943
Deaths 1878 — 1968



The IrishGenealogy.ie Civil Records database is free to search and view. Each Index entry recorded within the dates shown left should link to a downloadable image of the corresponding register entry. [See Tips for using IrishGenealogy.ie.](#)

IrishGenealogy.ie — Index only — no images

Deaths 1864 — 1877



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Other Indexes

Births 1864 — 1958
Marriages 1845 — 1958
Deaths 1864 — 1958

ONLINE indexes (no images) can be accessed at:

FamilySearch.org (Free)

Ancestry (€\$£) : [Births](#) | [Marriages](#) | [Deaths](#)

FindMyPast (€\$£) : [Births](#) | [Marriages](#) | [Deaths](#)

ONLINE indexes — No post-1958 births and marriages. No post-1969 deaths.

OFFLINE indexes — All years to current at GRO Research Room, Werburgh St, Dublin 2. Fee.

Create an Index Reference: Full name, year & quarter + Registration District + Volume Number and Page Number.
ie Birth Index Reference: John Deasy 1919 Q2 Naas 2/275. ✓

Buy a 'research copy' of a birth, marriage or death register entry

Apply in person to the GRO Research Room, Werburgh Street, Dublin 2. Fee €4.

Application form at goo.gl/WqjXBP.
Fill in Group Registration ID or the Index Reference, as noted from the Index. Send by email or print/post.
Payment by credit or debit card only. Fee €4.

Apply to a [local registration office](#).
Quote Group Registration ID or Reference details noted from the Index. Fee €4.

Buy an official copy of a birth, marriage or death certificate

Though more expensive, a full standard certificate of birth, marriage or death contains no more information than a 'research copy' (see above). As such, they are rarely required by genealogists. However, you can buy one online for any BMD event since Jan. 1864. See the [HSE website](#), and be sure to read the whole page before placing your order.

This visual shows a simplification of the process to access to civil registration records in the 26 counties of the Republic of Ireland. For more information, tips, troubleshooting, advice and options see www.Irish-Genealogy-Toolkit.com/Irish-civil-registration.html. For Northern Ireland civil records, see www.Irish-Genealogy-Toolkit.com/Northern-Ireland-civil-registration.html.