

Identity & Passport Service

Events recorded in England and Wales

Record held	Explanation	From - To
Birth, marriage and death records	A record of all events recorded	July 1837 - 18 months prior to the present date
Civil Partnership records	A record of all civil partnerships recorded	2005 to the present date
Adopted Children Register	A record of all adoptions granted by courts	1927 – present date
Stillbirth Register	A record of all stillbirths recorded	1927 – present date
Abandoned Children Register	A record of all abandoned babies whose parentage is unknown	1977 – present date
Thomas Coram Register	A record of children given into the care of the Foundling Hospital	1853 – 1948
Parental Order Register	A record of all births that have been re-registered on production of a court order where a child has been born via a surrogacy agreement	1994 – present date

Events recorded abroad

Record held	Explanation	From - To
Regimental records	Records of births/baptisms, marriages and some deaths relating to British Army Regiments	1761-1924
Chaplains returns	Army Chaplains records of baptisms, marriages and deaths	1761-1880
Ionian Islands records	Births, marriages and deaths of the British Garrison on Corfu	1818-1864
Marine records	Births and deaths at sea	1837 - present date
Consular records	Births, marriages, civil partnerships and deaths of British subjects registered at British Consulates	1849 – 12 months prior to the present date (birth, marriage and death) 2005 – present date (civil partnership)

Army records	Births, marriages and deaths of members of the British Army or their families	1881-1965
War Deaths	Deaths of serving personnel during	
	the Boer War	1899-1902
	World War 1	1914-1921
	World War 2	1939-1948
Aircraft records	Births and deaths on board British registered aircraft	1947 - present date
Foreign Marriage and Civil Partnership Certificates	Certificates deposited with the General Register Office	1948 - present date (marriages) 2005 – present date (civil partnerships)
High Commission records	Births and deaths of British subjects registered at British High Commissions	1949 - present date
Armed Forces records	Births, marriages, civil partnerships and deaths of members of the British Armed Forces or their families	1965 - present date (birth, marriage and death) 2005 – present date (civil partnerships)
Installation deaths	Deaths of workers on British Oil and Gas rigs	1971 - present date
Hovercraft records	Births and deaths on British registered hovercrafts	1972 - present date