

The UN Guidelines on a Legislative Framework  
for Civil Registration, Vital Statistics and  
Identity Management

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The Data for Health Toolkit on Civil Registration,  
Vital Statistics and Identity Management

# UN Guidelines on a Legislative Framework

Update of 1998 Handbook on Preparation of a Legal Framework for CRVS, to reflect:

- ✓ Evolution of international law and human rights
- ✓ Revised principles and recommendations
- ✓ Technological advances
- ✓ Integration with national ID systems and population registers

Available at: <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic-social/standards-and-methods/?search=&Id=&Desc=Civil+Registration+and+Vital+Statistics&Title=&Year=&topics>

# Content of UN Guidelines

Chapter 1	Introduction
Chapter 2	Overview of CRVSID Systems
Chapter 3	Human Rights and CRVSID Systems
Chapter 4	Institutional Arrangements for CRVSID Systems
Chapter 5	Legislative Framework
Chapter 6	Other Laws and Policies that Support CRVSID systems

# Chapter 5 Legislative Framework

Section 1	General Provisions and Administrative Structure
Section 2	Civil Registration: Birth, Death, Foetal Death, Marriage, Divorce, Corrections and Amendments, Transmission of records from local to national registrar, Fees
Section 3	Identity Management: Principles, Lifecycle, and Fees
Section 4	Population Register
Section 5	Vital Statistics
Section 6	Data Protection, Privacy and Security
Section 7	Compliance, Enforcement, Rights and Remedies
Section 8	Transitional Provisions

# How to Use the UN Guidelines

The Guidelines contain:

- ✓ Best practice ≠ model legislation
- ✓ Country examples = starting point for discussion
- ✓ Chapter 5 Checklists
  - At end of each section
  - Summary of topics that policymakers should consider and address

# CRVSID Toolkit



## CIVIL REGISTRATION AND VITAL STATISTICS (CRVS) LEGAL AND REGULATORY REVIEW TOOLS AND METHODOLOGY

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# CRVSID Toolkit

Chapter	Title	Reviewers
1	Purpose, scope and methodology	All
A	Enabling Environment	All
3A	Structure of the Civil Registration Authority	Countries with Civil Registration alone
3B	Structure of Civil Registration and Identity Management Agencies	Countries with CR and a National ID system
4	Registration of Birth, Death and Foetal Death	All
A	Certifying Cause of Death	All
6	Registration of Marriage and Divorce	If applicable
7	Production of Vital Statistics	All
8	National ID System	If Applicable
9	Population Register	If Applicable
10	Personal Privacy and Data Protection	All