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Introduction

The following note describes the procedure for obtaining an Iranian death certificate in Iran and abroad.

The note is based on information obtained during a fact-finding mission to Tehran in September-October 2018. The note has been updated with open source information in October 2022.

Civil registration procedures in Iran

The Civil Registration Law defines the responsibility of The National Organization for Civil Registration (NOCR) (in Persian: *Sabt-e-Ahwaal*) under the Ministry of Interior in registering vital events for Iranian citizens. The law describes the role of NOCR as being in charge of registering vital events such as birth, death, marriage and divorce, and correcting mistakes regarding registrations of vital events, and annulling or eliminating documents related to civil registrations when necessary. NOCR is administratively placed within the Ministry of Interior and has approximately 1,000 offices across Iran.¹

Registration and issuance of death certificates

To have the death of an Iranian citizen registered and a death certificate issued, proof of death stating the cause of death must be handed in at an NOCR office within ten days of its occurrence.² According to a representative of the Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the cause of death is required for statistical reasons.³

According to Landinfo, a death can be registered at the NOCR by:

- The deceased's closest relatives present when the death occurred
- A person who was present at the time of death
- Police officers
- The owner or administrator of the place of the death
- Officials of cemeteries

¹ Landinfo, January 2021, p. 8.

² Landinfo, January 2021, p. 38.

³ Representative of the Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tehran, September 2018.

- Relief workers
- Judicial or military personnel and aid workers.⁴

If there is no official death notice, two witnesses can appear at the NOCR office and inform of the death by showing their *Shenasnameh* (booklet attesting to identity and Iranian nationality).⁵ Death certificates can be issued to any given person once a death has been registered. There is a fee to be paid when the document is issued, but no limit to the number of copies of the certificate being issued.⁶

Registration of death outside of Iran

In case an Iranian national dies outside of Iran, the registration will be handled at an Iranian diplomatic representation. As with registrations within Iran, the submitted proof of death must include the cause of death for the death to be properly registered abroad. The informant must submit his/her national ID card (*Kart-e Melli*), the *Shenasnameh* of the deceased, and the registration of death from the country of residence in copy and original. The document must be verified by the Iranian representation. Furthermore, the informant must obtain a document issued by the Iranian representation that proves that the death has not previously been registered and must pay a consular fee.⁷

Once the death is registered, the death certificate can be issued to anyone applying for it. The applicant must submit the deceased's *Shenasnameh* or registration number and must be able to specify the day of registration of the death. There is no limit to the number of copies of the certificate being issued.⁸

A consular officer at the Iranian embassy will in this case generate the archival document that is normally generated by NOCR. One copy is archived at the embassy while another is sent to NOCR in Iran for archiving.⁹

The NIDC has access to information about the technical appearance of the document. In cases of doubt involving the authenticity of Iranian death certificates, please contact the NIDC.

⁴ Landinfo, January 2021, p. 38-39.

⁵ Landinfo, January 2021, p. 38-39.

⁶ Landinfo, January 2021, p. 38-39.

⁷ Landinfo, January 2021, p. 39-40.

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