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### **NEW POLYMER CERTIFICATES**

The public is advised that, effective 26th, February 2016, the Registrar General's Department will issue Polymer Certificates for Birth and Death records.

In order to maintain the integrity of the Civil Registry documents, the Registrar General's Department has migrated the current paper certificate, which was introduced in 2001, to a more secure printed technology – the Polymer Certificate.

The Polymer Certificate has visible and concealed security features which make the certificate tamper evident and more difficult to forge or replicate.

The move to this more secure, durable certificate is in keeping with global trends and will assist in reducing incidents of fraud and identity theft.

Members of the public are advised that previously issued certificates remain valid and that the information on an individual's certificate remains the same.

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