**Registration of New Babies in 2021**

Due to Covid restrictions, local Council registration offices are open to the public on an **appointment only** basis for birth registration services. You should contact your local registration office for an appointment to register the birth as soon as possible.

For more information on how to register a birth, please check your local council area website. Alternatively, visit <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/contacts/district-registrars-northern-ireland> for contact details of your local registration office.

As we adjust to new ways of working, and to ensure that social distancing measures remain in place at all registration offices, there may be longer delays in obtaining an appointment to register a birth.

**Child Benefit**

The General Register Office (GRO) has been advised that the temporary provisions for claiming child benefit pre-registration finished on 31st October 2021. Therefore please contact your local registration office as soon as possible to arrange an appointment for the birth registration.

**General Register Office**

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