



NATIONAL REGISTRATION BUREAU

PUBLIC STATEMENT

TRANSITION OF THE MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE REGISTRATION MANDATE TO THE NATIONAL REGISTRATION BUREAU (NRB)

The National Registration Bureau (NRB) wishes to inform the public that, following amendments to the Marriage, Divorce and Family Relations Act, CAP 25:01, the responsibility for marriage administration and registration has moved from the Department of the Registrar General to the NRB. This change designates the Director of NRB as Registrar of Marriages.

Under the Marriage, Divorce and Family Relations Act, CAP 25:01, all marriage-related matters previously handled by the Registrar General are now administered by the NRB. This includes the regulation and provision of oversight to marriages officiation, issuance of legal marriage certificates for all types of marriages and registration of marriages.

The public is advised that civil marriages will continue to be celebrated at District Council offices, and religious marriages at licensed places of worship. The NRB is engaging all stakeholders in marriage and divorce matters and will provide further guidance and updates on procedures as the transition progresses.

For further information or assistance, please contact the NRB Call Centre on **488** or **0111 700 700**, send an SMS or WhatsApp message to **0987 074 071** or **0987 074 073**, email callcentre@nrb.gov.mw, or visit www.nrb.gov.mw.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Machika".

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