

REGISTRATION OF A BRITISH NATIONAL IN FRANCE

In France there is no central registry corresponding to the General Registrar Offices in the United Kingdom.

The death of a British National can be registered with the nearest British Consulate if you live overseas at the request of the deceased family. You can find your local embassy by visiting: www.britishembassy.gov.co.uk

YOU WILL NEED:

- The deceased's local civil death certificate issued by the local authorities plus 2 photocopies
- The deceased's birth certificate * this has to be the full length birth certificate that shows details of the parents and is usually A4 sized length OR Certificate of Naturalisation or registration as a British National
- The deceased's passport
- Application form and 1 photocopy
- The fee and 1 photocopy
- 2 x recorded or special delivery envelopes – one for the safe return of your documents, one for the safe return of the consular death certificate

Consular death registration is not a legal requirement but there are some benefits:

- An entry will be made in the death register by the British Consulate in the country concerned
- You will be able to obtain a British style death certificate
- A record of the death will be held by the General Register Office in the UK

You'll need to register the death with the foreign civil authorities and obtain a full foreign death certificate before you can apply for consular death registration.

The consular death certificate will not include a cause of death as French death certificates do not include this detail.

FEES TO REGISTER A DEATH:

The current fee for registering the death is £92.00, plus £59.00 for each certificate requested e.g. one certificate = £92.00 + £59.00 = £151.00, two certificates = £210.00 etc. It will cost you £59.00 for each additional copy. Personal cheques are not accepted only bank drafts or postal orders made payable to 'FCO'