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## **BIRTH CERTIFICATES NOW AVAILABLE FROM AUSTRALIA POST**

Birth, death and marriage certificates can now be ordered through Australia Post at 10 regional areas across the state, NSW Registrar, Greg Curry announced today.

Standard certificate applications can be made at Australia Post offices in Armidale, Bathurst, Coffs Harbour, Dubbo, Griffith, Lismore, Orange, Port Macquarie, Queanbeyan and Wagga Wagga.

“Customers in these regional areas now have the convenience of longer opening hours at Australia Post offices to lodge their certificate applications rather than having to go to their Local Court,” Mr Curry said.

Under the new system, applicants pay a fee of \$58 for a copy of a certificate, which includes postage of the certificate to the applicant by registered mail.

“Australia Post staff are already trained in assessing identification with the highest levels of privacy and security for Australian and UK passport applications so are capable of doing the same for straightforward certificate applications,” Mr Curry said.

“At this stage, urgent or more complex applications still need to be made direct to the NSW Registry of Births Deaths & Marriages, which is also the only issuer of commemorative certificates.”

The certificate trial with Australia Post began on December 14 last year and will be evaluated in May.

Australia Post National Manager External Affairs Alex Twomey said the organisation was delighted to be providing additional services to its customers through its continued investment in new technology.

“I am sure many of our regional customers will appreciate being able to apply for birth, death and marriage certificates at their local post office,” said Mr Twomey.

“Australia Post outlets take pride in being one-stop shops, where customers can pay bills, do their banking, post mail and access a range of other services during the one visit.”