

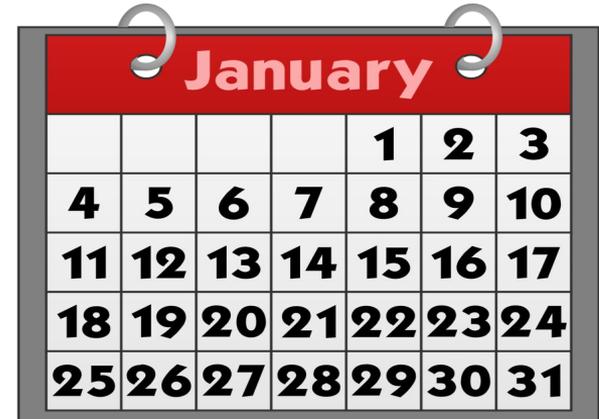
Question

When do your rights begin?



B: Rights are there at BIRTH

Key idea: Humans are born with rights
Key word: Inherent



Article 7: You have the right to have
a name and a nationality

Article 8: You have the right to an
identity

Why is birth registration important?

Once a birth is registered, the birth certificate is the legal document that establishes an individual's existence in the eyes of the law. It means children can go to school, get medical treatment, get a job when they grow up and more.

Without it, a child is invisible to their government and may be vulnerable to many forms of abuse and neglect such as child labour.

If we don't know who and where the most at-risk children are, it is very difficult to support them to improve their lives.

How many children in the world do not have a birth certificate?

Over 290M children under the age of 5 do not have a birth certificate.

In the UK

Parents in the UK have 6 weeks to register their child's birth but in light of COVID 19 it sometimes will get delayed. If you refuse to register your baby you will get a £200 fine and if you still won't the government will do it for you.



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Did you know?

In the past 20 years, 60% less children under 5 have died in Malawi.

Government officials think that registering more births has helped with this.



Other countries



Afghanistan- In Afghanistan only 42% of children have a birth certificate.

Australia- In Australia you have to pay \$50 for a birth certificate or \$29.90 if you need it urgently.



Problems when births are not registered...

When the baby is not registered at birth it means that the baby is more likely to be taken away from their family and made to work in factories. e.g. to make carpets.

The baby could end up homeless because it does not have an official identity.

In America, if you don't name your child it would be named by the government. They can even name it with a number if you have more than one unnamed baby.

Photo Gallery!



Quiz

1. What is the latest time you can register a child's birth in the UK?
2. What can happen if you don't register the birth of a child?
3. Which right of the child mentions their right to a name?
4. How many children don't have a birth certificate?

Answers

1. 6 weeks to 2 months
2. The child can be forced into labour, abducted, trafficked or lost.
3. Article 7
4. 290 Million