

## **NOTICE TO USERS – CIVIL STATUS RECORDS**

The National Archives Department (NAD) has noted that members of the public are visiting the Department for ancestral searches relating to the British period (1811 to 1968), whereas such requests fall under the responsibility of the Civil Status Division.

The public is hereby informed that the National Archives Department holds Civil Status Registers (birth, marriage and death records) for Mauritius relating to the French period only, covering the years 1721 to 1810.

The Civil Status Division remains the sole authority responsible for the issuance of extracts of birth, marriage and death certificates for the British period as from 1811 onwards.

Members of the public seeking ancestral searches are encouraged to apply directly to the Central Civil Status Office in Port Louis, particularly where certificates cannot be traced at Civil Status Sub-Offices around the island, as the birth, marriage and death indices are maintained at the Central Civil Status Office.

Furthermore, for all queries relating to Civil Status records for Rodrigues, Seychelles, Agalega and the Chagos Archipelago, members of the public are kindly advised to contact the Central Civil Status Office directly.

This notice is issued with a view to better informing members of the public and facilitating their research requests.