

Information Note

Historic and Archaeological Heritage (Notification of Possession of Records) Regulations 2024

Regulations have now been put in place regarding the operation of a notification procedure under section 159(2) of the [Historic and Archaeological Heritage and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2023](#) (the Act).

Under section [159\(2\)](#) of the Act, the personal representatives of a deceased person, or the liquidators of a company, are obligated to notify the Minister that records created, or objects collected, as part of a licenced activity, exist, and are stored in a specific location.

Further to obligations outlined above, these regulations specify to whom a notification of ‘Possession of Records’ should be made, the method/means by which a notification can be made, and the information which must be contained in the notification.

The full text of the regulations, entitled the [“Historic and Archaeological Heritage \(Notification of Possession of Records\) Regulations 2024,”](#) which came into effect on 30 September 2024, can be found [here](#).

In addition to the notification requirement, other provisions of section 159 prohibit unauthorised damage to, or disposal of records or objects created or collected (as the case may be) in the course of such licenced activities. For detailed information on this, please consult the [Information Note issued in that regard, which can be accessed here](#).

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