

STATES OF JERSEY



Jersey

DRAFT STATISTICS AND CENSUS (AMENDMENT OF LAW) (JERSEY) REGULATIONS 202-

**Lodged au Greffe on 22nd September 2020
by the Chief Minister**

STATES GREFFE

REPORT

This report details the reasons behind the Draft Statistics and Census (Amendment of Law) (Jersey) Regulations 202-.

Under the [Statistics and Census \(Jersey\) Law 2018](#), Statistics Jersey are required to take a census at intervals as directed by the Chief Statistician, collecting information from each individual resident as specified by Schedule 4.

In preparation for the next census, planned for March 2021, Statistics Jersey held consultations with government officials and elected representatives to discuss whether the information to be collected (as outlined in the Schedule) remained relevant and / or whether new questions should be appended.

The results of these consultations, and further discussion within Statistics Jersey, was that information on 2 new topics should be collected from Jersey residents as part of the Census –

- a person's general state of health;
- whether a person has a physical or mental disability or chronic illness, and the effect it has on their lives.

In addition, the census questionnaire will include 2 voluntary questions asking for information on a person's –

- sexual orientation;
- gender identity.

As these latter 2 questions are voluntary, they are not being added to the Census Schedule.

Financial and manpower implications

A budget of £750,000 over 2 years has already been set aside as part of the Government Plan for the Census. This covers staff to run the census, printing, distribution, collection and data analysis. The addition of these questions carries no additional financial or manpower implications.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

These Regulations, if passed would amend the Schedule to the Statistics and Census (Jersey) Law 2018 to add 2 questions relating to a person's health and disability to the information required from Jersey residents when taking a census.



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Made [date to be inserted]

Coming into force [date to be inserted]

THE STATES make these Regulations under Article 8(8) of the Statistics and Census (Jersey) Law 2018¹ –

1 Amendment of Schedule (Information required by census)

In paragraph 4(1) of the Schedule to the Statistics and Census (Jersey) Law 2018² (required information: residents), after clause (g) there is inserted –

- “(ga) general state of health;
- (gb) whether or not the person has a physical or mental disability or chronic illness, and if so the effect it has on the person’s ability to carry out a normal range of activities;”.

2 Citation and commencement

These Regulations may be cited as the Statistics and Census (Amendment of Law) (Jersey) Regulations 202- and come into force 7 days after they are made.

ENDNOTES

Table of Endnote References

1	<i>chapter 15.710</i>
2	<i>chapter 15.710</i>