How to Obtain a Certified Copies of Still Birth and Fetal Death Records

General Information

- Information contained in vital records is released only via requests for certified copies.
- Certified copies of still birth are available for release to the mother/parent or father/parent only.
- Certified copies of fetal death are available for release to anyone who can provide sufficient information to identify a specific record.

Availability of Records

You may request a copy of a still birth or fetal death record from either the county of the event or from the California Department of Public Health – Vital Records (CDPH-VR). CDPH-VR issues vital records for all of California where as counties can only issue records for events that occurred in that county.

If CDPH-VR cannot locate the record based on the information you provide, the law authorizes CDPH-VR to retain the fee for the search, and CDPH-VR will issue a Certificate of No Public Record (CNPR).

What to Submit for a Certified Copy

Still Birth:

- ☐ Completed "Application for Certified Copy of Still Birth" (VS 13-E).
- ☐ $28 fee per copy requested (check or money order in US dollars, made payable to CDPH-Vital Records) **No cash.**

Fetal Death:

- ☐ Completed "Application for Certified Copy of Fetal Death" (VS 12).
- ☐ $23 fee per copy requested (check or money order in US dollars, made payable to CDPH-Vital Records) **No cash**

Applicant Notification

Once your request has been received and evaluated:

- If your request is not accepted (e.g., due to insufficient fees, insufficient information, etc.), the request will be returned with a letter explaining what needs to be corrected; or,
- If your request is accepted, CDPH-VR will process the application and mail out a copy of the record(s) you requested.

Processing Times

To check current processing times for certified copies of still birth and fetal death records, visit the CDPH-VR website (www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHSI/Pages/Vital-Records-Processing-Times.aspx).

Mail all applications and written inquiries to the below. If you have any questions, please contact the CDPH-VR Customer Service Unit, Monday through Friday, 8AM – 4PM.

California Department of Public Health | Vital Records – MS 5103
P.O. Box 997410 | Sacramento CA, 95899-7410
(916) 445-2684 | CHSIVitalRecords@cdph.ca.gov
CA Relay: 711/1-800-735-2929

Application for Certified Copy of Still Birth Record
$28.00 per copy

Please read the instructions on before completing the application.

Information:

Still birth certificates are prepared from information contained on registered fetal death certificates.

As of January 1, 2008, **only** a parent (mother and/or father) can obtain a Certificate of Still Birth.

Instructions:

1. Complete a separate application for each still birth record requested.
2. Complete Part 1 and Part 2. In Part 1, provide as much information as possible to help identify the record.
3. Submit $28.00 in the form of a check or money order, made payable to "CDPH-Vital Records" in US dollars. **Do not send cash**.
4. Mail completed applications with the fee(s) to the address below.

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P.O. Box 997410 | Sacramento, CA 95899-7410
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Part 1 - Still Birth Record Information: *Complete the information below as shown on the still birth record.*

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	
Date of Still Birth - MM/DD/YYYY (or approximate date)	City of Still Birth	County of Still Birth	
Parent First Name	Parent Last Name at Birth	Parent First Name	Parent Last Name at Birth

Part 2 - Applicant Information: *Please print all information legibly.*

Applicant Name	Mailing Address: Number, Street, and Unit # (if applicable)		
Zip Code	City	State/Province	Country
Telephone (include area code)	Email Address	Reason for Request	

Agency Use *(if applicable)*

Agency Name	Case/ID Number	Contract Number

Application Checklist:

☐	Check/Money Order Enclosed **(No Cash)**	**Number of Copies** _____

You may view current processing times at www.cdph.ca.gov

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Application for Certified Copy of Fetal Death Record
$23.00 per copy

Please read the instructions on before completing the application.

Instructions:

1. Complete a separate application for each fetal death record requested.
2. Complete Part 1 and Part 2. In Part 1, provide as much information as possible to help identify the record.
3. Submit $23.00 in the form of a check or money order, made payable to "CDPH-Vital Records" in US dollars. **Do not send cash**.
4. Mail completed applications with the fee(s) to the address below.

California Department of Public Health | Vital Records MS 5103
P.O. Box 997410 | Sacramento, CA 95899-7410
(916) 445-2684 | CHSIVitalRecords@cdph.ca.gov

Part 1 - Fetal Death Record Information: *Complete the information below as shown on the fetal death record.*

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	
Date of Fetal Death - MM/DD/YYYY (or approximate date)	City of Fetal Death	County of Fetal Death	
Parent First Name	Parent Last Name at Birth	Parent First Name	Parent Last Name at Birth

Part 2 - Applicant Information: *Please print all information legibly.*

Applicant Name	Mailing Address: Number, Street, and Unit # (if applicable)		
Zip Code	City	State/Province	Country
Telephone (include area code)	Email Address	Reason for Request	

Agency Use *(if applicable)*

Agency Name	Case/ID Number	Contract Number

Application Checklist:

☐ Check/Money Order Enclosed **(No Cash)** **Number of Copies** _____

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California County Recorders

Alameda .....1106 Madison Street, First Floor, Oakland, CA 94607, (510) 272-6362
Alpine .....99 Water Street. P.O. Box 155, Markleeville, CA 96120, (530) 694-2283
Amador .....810 Court Street, Jackson, CA 95642, (209) 223-6468
Butte.....155 Nelson Avenue, Oroville, CA 95965, (530) 538-7691
Calaveras .....891 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas, CA 95249, (209) 754-6372
Colusa.....546 Jay Street, Suite 200, Colusa, CA 95932-2491, (530) 458-0500
Contra Costa.....555 Escobar Street, or P.O. Box 350, Martinez, CA 94553, (925) 335-7910
Del Norte.....981 H Street, Suite 160, Crescent City, CA 95531, (707) 464-7216
El Dorado.....360 Fair Lane, Placerville, CA 95667, (530) 621-5490
Fresno.....2281 Tulare Street, Room 302, or P.O. Box 766, Fresno, CA 93712,
(559) 600-3476
Glenn.....516 West Sycamore Street, Second Floor, Willows, CA 95988-2746,
(530) 934-6412
Humboldt .....Courthouse, 825 Fifth Street, Fifth Floor, Eureka, CA 95501, (707) 445-7382
Imperial .....Courthouse, 940 West Main Street, Suite 202, El Centro, CA 92243-2865,
(760) 482-4272
Inyo .....168 North Edwards Street, or P.O. Drawer F, Independence, CA 93526,
(760) 878-0222
Kern .....1655 Chester Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301, (661) 868-6400
Kings.....Government Center, 1400 West Lacey Boulevard, Hanford, CA 93230,
(559) 582-3211, ext. 2470
Lake .....Courthouse, 255 North Forbes Street, Lakeport, CA 95453, (707) 263-2293
Lassen.....220 South Lassen Street, Suite 5, Susanville, CA 96130, (530) 251-8234
Los Angeles .....12400 Imperial Highway, Norwalk, CA 90650, (800) 201-8999 or (562) 462-2137
Madera.....200 West Fourth Street, Madera, CA 93637, (559) 675-7724
Marin.....3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 232, San Rafael, CA 94903, (415) 473-6094
Mariposa .....Hall of Records Building, 4982 Tenth Street, or P.O. Box 35, Mariposa, CA 95338
(209) 966-5719
Mendocino .....501 Low Gap Road, Room 1020, Ukiah, CA 95482, (707) 234-6822
Merced .....2222 M Street, Merced, CA 95340, (209) 385-7627
Modoc .....204 South Court Street, Room106, Alturas, CA 96101, (530) 233-6205
Mono.....74 School Street, Annex 1, or P.O. Box 237, Bridgeport, CA 93517, (760) 932-5530
Monterey .....168 West Alisal Street, First Floor, or P.O. Box 29, Salinas, CA 93902,
(831) 755-5041
Napa .....900 Coombs Street, Room 116, or P.O. Box 298, Napa, CA 94559-0298,
(707) 253-4105
Nevada .....950 Maidu Avenue, Suite 210, Nevada City, CA 95959, (530) 265-1221
Orange.....601 North Ross Street, Santa Ana, CA 92701, (714) 834-2500
Placer.....2954 Richardson Drive, Auburn, CA 95603, (530) 886-5600

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Plumas.....520 Main Street, Room 102, Quincy, CA 95971, (530) 283-6218 or (530) 283-6256

Riverside.....2724 Gateway Drive, or P.O. Box 751, Riverside, CA 92502-0751, (951) 955-6200

Sacramento.....3636 American River Drive, Sacramento, CA 95864, (916) 874-6334

San Benito.....County Courthouse, 440 Fifth Street, Room 206, Hollister, CA 95023, (831) 636-4046

San Diego.....1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 260, or P.O. Box 121750, San Diego, CA 92112-1750, (619) 237-0502

San Francisco.....One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, City Hall, Room 190, San Francisco, CA 94102, (415) 554-5596*

San Francisco Health Dept.....101 Grove Street, Room 105, San Francisco, CA 94102, (415) 554-2700**

San Joaquin.....44 North San Joaquin Street, Suite 260, or P.O. Box 1968, Stockton, CA 95201 (209) 468-3939

San Luis Obispo.....1055 Monterey Street, Room D120, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408, (805) 781-5080

San Mateo.....555 County Center Drive, First Floor, Redwood City, CA 94063-1665, (650) 363-4500

Santa Barbara.....1100 Anacapa Street, or P.O. Box 159, Santa Barbara, CA 93102-0159, (805) 568-2250

Santa Clara.....110 W. Tasman Drive, First Floor, San Jose, CA 95134, (408) 299-5688

Santa Cruz.....701 Ocean Street, Room 230, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, (831) 454-2800

Shasta.....1450 Court Street, Suite 208, Redding, CA 96001-1670, (530) 225-5678

Sierra.....100 Courthouse Square, Room 11, or P.O. Drawer D, Downieville, CA 95936, (530) 289-3295

Siskiyou.....311 Fourth Street, Room 107, Yreka, CA 96097, (530) 842-8065

Solano.....675 Texas Street, Suite 2700, Fairfield, CA 94533-6338, (707) 784-6294

Sonoma.....585 Fiscal Drive, Room 103, Santa Rosa, CA 95402, (707) 565-3800

Stanislaus.....1021 I Street, Suite 101, or P.O. Box 1670, Modesto, CA 95353-1670, (209) 525-5250 or (209) 525-5260

Sutter.....433 Second Street, Yuba City, CA 95991, (530) 822-7134

Tehama.....Courthouse, 633 Washington Street, Room 11, or P.O. Box 250, Red Bluff, CA 96080, (530) 527-3350

Trinity.....11 Court Street, or P.O. Box 1215, Weaverville, CA 96093-1215, (530) 623-1215

Tulare.....County Civic Center, 221 South Mooney Boulevard, Room 103, Visalia, CA 93291 (559) 636-5050

Tuolumne.....2 South Green Street, Third Floor, Sonora, CA 95370, (209) 533-5531

Ventura.....Hall of Administration, Main Plaza, 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009 (805) 654-3665

Yolo.....625 Court Street, Room B0l, or P.O. Box 1130, Woodland, CA 95776-1130, (530) 666-8130

Yuba.....915 Eighth Street, Suite 107, Marysville, CA 95901, (530) 749-7850

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