

Getting a birth certificate state by state

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Alabama <http://adph.org/vitalrecords/assets/hs14eng.pdf>

Download the application for a copy of a birth certificate from the Alabama Center for Health Statistics website (see Resources). Fill it out and mail it with a check or [money](#) order in the amount of \$15 (fee as of 2010) to:

Alabama Vital Records

P.O. Box 5625

Montgomery, Alabama 36103-5625

It will take between seven and 10 days to receive your certificate in the mail.

Alaska The state of Alaska has a form for ordering a birth certificate. However, it requires a picture ID.

If picture ID is not available: **please contact the Alaska Bureau of Vital Statistics at 907.465.3391 to speak with a customer service representative.**

Arkansas

<http://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programsServices/certificatesVitalRecords/Pages/BirthRecords.aspx>

Arizona

http://www.azdhs.gov/vitalrcd/apply_birth_mail.htm

This website contains forms for application, directions and fee schedule.

Arizona requires that signatures be notarized; fees vary by county; the fee schedule can be accessed with this link.

Colorado

<http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/certs/documentation.html>

Forms available here and documentation requirements listed. Some may need to submit 2 types of documentation as listed in secondary list.

California

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/birthdeathmar/Pages/default.aspx>

Connecticut

<http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3132&q=390652>

This can take up to 6 weeks.

Delaware

<http://dhss.delaware.gov/dph/ss/vitalstats.html>

District of Columbia (D.C.)

http://dchealth.dc.gov/doh/cwp/view,a,3,q,573401,dohnav_gid,1787,dohnav,%7C33120%7C33139%7C.asp

options to photo ID: <http://dchealth.dc.gov/doh/cwp/view,a,1371,q,604971.asp#1>

Florida

http://www.doh.state.fl.us/planning_eval/vital_statistics/DH_726_12-10.pdf

State office: Phone: (904) 359-6900

Photo ID required to get a birth certificate from Florida unless you were born over 100 years ago.

http://www.doh.state.fl.us/planning_eval/hpeVS.htm

Georgia

State of Georgia: <http://health.state.ga.us/programs/vitalrecords/birth.asp>

\$25 fee and picture ID required. Phone number is on web site.

Skip the state office and go right to the county for alternatives.

Hawaii

<http://hawaii.gov/health/vital-records/pdf/birth.pdf>

\$10. Form looks pretty simple. \$4.00 for additional copy.

Idaho

<http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/?tabid=82>

fee:\$13

acceptable identification:

<http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=Un5niMXHcPQ%3d&tabid=82>

Illinois

http://www.idph.state.il.us/vitalrecords/birth_faq.htm

very helpful website

\$15 first copy; \$2 for each additional copy

Indiana

<http://www.in.gov/isdh/20243.htm#VitalFAQ1>

many options for identification

\$10

Iowa

http://www.idph.state.ia.us/apl/common/pdf/vital_records/application_certified_copy_vital_record.pdf

\$15

Kansas

http://www.kdheks.gov/vital/birth_howto.html

\$15

Kentucky

<http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/vital/birthcert.htm>

\$10

Louisiana

<http://www.dhh.state.la.us/offices/page.asp?ID=252&Detail=7752>

(this says must have photo ID)

Alternatives to photo ID listed here:

<http://www.dhh.state.la.us/offices/page.asp?ID=252&Detail=7753>

Maine

<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/faq.htm#certificates>

\$15 for certified copy; \$6 for additional copies

Maryland

<http://vsa.maryland.gov/html/birth.cfm>

this lists alternative forms of ID if photo ID not available

Massachusetts

By mail \$28:

http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=eohhs2terminal&L=4&L0=Home&L1=Consumer&L2=Basic+Needs&L3=Vital+Records&sid=Eeohhs2&b=terminalcontent&f=dph_vital_records_c_obtaining_copies&csid=Eeohhs2#bymail

Michigan:

http://www.michigan.gov/printerFriendly/0,1687,7-132-4645_4702---,00.html

alternatives to photo id are listed

Minnesota

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/chs/osr/birth.html>

signature must be notarized

Mississippi

http://www.health.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/31,1240,109,62.html

\$15 for first copy; \$5 for additional copies; requires photo ID. It may take more than 1 phone call to get acceptable alternative ways to prove ID.

For more information or questions about vital records, contact Vital Records office at **(601) 576-7981**, or visit the [Vital Records Department home page](#) for health statistics, vital records, reports and data.

You can also contact the Vital Records office by sending e-mail to VRInfo@msdh.state.ms.us

Missouri

By county: <http://health.mo.gov/living/lpha/lphas.php>

Form to mail to state office:

<http://health.mo.gov/data/vitalrecords/pdf/birthdeath.pdf>

Acceptable forms of ID:

<http://health.mo.gov/data/vitalrecords/applications.php>

Note: Signature on application must be notarized.

\$15

Montana

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/certificates/birthappfillable.pdf>

\$12 for first copy; \$5 for additional copies

New Hampshire

All required information is here, including application form and lists of acceptable ID.

<http://www.sos.nh.gov/vitalrecords/ELIGIBILITY.html>

New Jersey

<http://www.state.nj.us/health/vital/nongen.shtml>

\$25. Lists alternative forms of acceptable ID.

New Mexico

<http://www.vitalrecordsnm.org/birth.shtml>

\$10

New York

http://www.health.state.ny.us/vital_records/birth.htm

\$30

Nebraska

<http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/ced/bicert.htm>

The information indicates photo ID required. It's also necessary to demonstrate "proper purpose." In that document proof of identity shows that alternative documentation of ID will be accepted, but I would call and clear it first.

Nevada

http://health.nv.gov/PDFs/FP_Forms/2010-12/birthcertapp.pdf

\$20. Requires photo ID

Call number listed below or specific county office for acceptable forms of ID.

- **To order by mail:**

Office of Vital Records
4150 Technology Way, Suite 104
Carson City, Nevada 89706
Telephone: 775-684-4242

North Carolina

Photo ID required if you go through the state vital records office.

Locate the correct county and go through the "Register of Deeds" office to apply for a birth certificate.

North Dakota

<http://www.ndhealth.gov/vital/birth.htm>

\$7 for first copy; \$4 for additional copies

Ohio

<http://www.odh.ohio.gov/vitalstatistics/vsmail/vsmail.aspx>

\$21.50

Oklahoma

http://www.ok.gov/health/Birth_and_Death_Certificates/Birth_Certificates/#info_required

Acceptable ID

http://www.ok.gov/health/Birth_and_Death_Certificates/Acceptable_Identification/

\$15

Oregon

http://public.health.oregon.gov/BirthDeathCertificates/GetVitalRecords/Documents/bc_bro.pdf

\$20

Photo ID required if you apply through the state; order through specific county offices.
Phone call necessary.

Pennsylvania

http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/birth_certificates/14121/birth_records_-_by_mail/556813

\$10

This includes a link to a statement to sign and submit if the person does not have a government issued photo ID.

Rhode Island

<http://www.health.ri.gov/records/howto/getacopy/index.php>

ID: <http://www.health.ri.gov/records/about/identification/>

\$20

The website points out that it is quicker to go through the cities and towns instead of the state.

South Carolina

<http://www.scdhec.gov/administration/library/d-0640.pdf>

\$12

Requires photo ID; you will be better off going through a county office and discussing options.

South Dakota

<http://doh.sd.gov/vitalrecords/order.aspx#Ordering>

ID: <http://doh.sd.gov/vitalrecords/order.aspx#Identification>

\$15

Tennessee

<http://health.state.tn.us/vr/downloads.htm>

Instead of photo ID, you can have application with signature notarized.

\$15

Texas

http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/vs/reqproc/certified_copy.shtm

Alternative forms of ID listed if photo ID not available.

\$22 plus extra charges depending on speed of service required.

Utah

<https://silver.health.utah.gov/birthinfo.html>

ID list: <https://silver.health.utah.gov/applications/IDList.pdf>

No fee unless ordered through VitalChek

Vermont

http://healthvermont.gov/research/records/birth_form.aspx

\$10

Virginia

http://www.vdh.state.va.us/vital_Records/vtlapp.htm

ID: http://www.vdh.state.va.us/vital_Records/primary.htm

Washington

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehsphi/chs/cert.htm>

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehsphi/chs/422-044.pdf>

\$20

West Virginia

<http://www.wvdhhr.org/bph/oehp/hsc/vr/birthfm2.pdf>

\$12

Wisconsin

<http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/vitalrecords/birth.htm#B1>

<http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/forms/F0/F05291.pdf>

\$20

It is easier to go to Register of Deeds at the county level.

Wyoming

http://www.health.wyo.gov/rfhd/vital_records/certificate.html

\$13