

Birth & Death Certificates

Vital Records

Vital records and the statistics that can be generated from them are an important tool in determining the health of our community. They also play an important role for each person. Certified copies of vital records are required to get social security benefits, a driver's license, passport, and other legal documents.

[Oregon law](#) requires all vital events such as births, and deaths be permanently recorded and registered.

Ordering Certificates

Clatsop County Public Health can issue certified copies of birth and death certificates for six (6) months after an event that happened in Clatsop County. To order certificates for events that happened more than six (6) months ago or outside of Clatsop County, contact [State of Oregon Vital records](#).

Each birth or death certificate costs \$25. Payment due at the time of service. If you have not concluded your business with your mortuary you may be able to order additional copies through them.

Call 503-325-8500 with questions

How to Order Death Certificates

A close-up photograph of a person's hand with dark, patterned nail polish filling out an "Oregon Birth Record" form. The form is from the "Oregon Health Services Center for Health Statistics". The hand is using a black marker to write in the field for "5. Mother/Parent A's legal name at birth/prior to first marriage". Other visible fields include "1. Full name on record", "2. Date of birth", "6. Father/Parent B's legal name at birth/prior to first marriage", "7. Your relationship to person named in line 1", "8. Reason for needing record", "9. Daytime telephone number", "11. Name of person ordering", "12. Your address", and "13. City/State/ZIP". There is a checkbox for "Person ordering" at the bottom right.

To request a certified death certificate complete the Death Order Form in [English](#) or [Spanish](#) and mail or bring in person to our office. Forms also available in our office upon request. No appointment is needed. Orders are processed within 24 hours of receiving them.

Death records can be released to family members, legal representatives or to persons with a valid legal reason.

When filling out and submitting a Death Certificate Order form you must have:

- Current picture ID (include photocopy of ID if mailing)
- Payment method of choice
- If you need a Short or a Long Death Certificate
- Full name of deceased (First, middle, Last)
- Date of death
- Place of death
- Spouse of decedent
- Your relationship to the deceased
- Reason for needing the record
- Daytime phone number
- Email address
- Name of person ordering record
- Your address, city, state, zip

How to Order Birth Certificates

To request a certified copy of the original birth certificate complete the Birth Order Form in [English](#) or [Spanish](#) and mail or bring in person to our office. Forms also available in our office upon request. No appointment is needed. Orders are processed within 24 hours of receiving them.

Birth records can be released to immediate family members (parents, grandparents, brothers/sisters), or a legal representative.

When filling out and submitting a Death Certificate Order form you must have:

- Your address, city, state, zip
- Current picture ID (include photocopy of ID if mailing)
- Payment method of choice
- If you need a Short or a Long Death Certificate
- Full name of deceased (First, middle, Last)
- Date of death
- Place of death
- Spouse of decedent
- Your relationship to the deceased
- Reason for needing the record

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Statistics

Oregon Morbidity and Mortality Rates