

# **Court Order Delayed Certificates**

Center for Health Statistics and Informatics – California Vital Records

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#### Introduction

The court order delayed process is used to register certificates for events that are not registered, or when certified copies of certificates are not available. A statewide search for a certificate is recommended to confirm registration and/or availability of California certificates.

• Please visit the CDPH-VR website at <u>www.cdph.ca.gov</u> to request a statewide search.



- Please see page 13 for a list of frequently asked questions and answers.
- A court order may not be required. Please contact the Local Registrar in the county where the child was born to register a birth certificate within the first year of the child's birth and review the <a href="Delayed Registration of Birth Pamphlet">Delayed Registration of Birth Pamphlet</a> if requesting to register a birth certificate one year or more from the date of birth.
- If amending a birth, death, fetal death, or marriage certificate that is already registered, please visit the CDPH-VR website at <a href="https://www.cdph.ca.gov">www.cdph.ca.gov</a>.

# What to Submit and Mailing Address

To register a court order delayed certificate, please submit the following:

- **Properly Completed Application Form** (See Form Guidelines beginning on page 3.)
- **Certified Copy of the Order** (See requirements on top section of page 11.)
- Name and Mailing Address of Applicant (See requirements in the middle of page 11.)
- **Appropriate Fee(s)** (See requirements on bottom section of <u>page 11</u>.)
- Notarized Sworn Statement (Only if requesting authorized copy. See page 12.)

Mail your packet to the address below:

California Department of Public Health Vital Records – Amendments – M.S. 5105 P.O. Box 997410 Sacramento, CA 95899-7410



- Registered court order delayed certificates are returned via standard mail and do not contain a tracking number.
- You may provide a prepaid self-addressed envelope with your request for CDPH-VR to use and mail the registered certificate back to you. (Not Required)

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# **Court Order Delayed Certificate Checklist**

To assist in the registration of your request, please submit the following:

Properly Completed Order Establishing Facts of Event Form  Order Establishing Facts of Event contains the court case number.  Name of the petitioner and the name of the person whose event is being established are identified in the Order.
<ul> <li>Date the order was filed and the hearing date are located on the Order.</li> <li>Facts of the event, including the date, place, and reason why the event is being registered via court order are entered on the Order.</li> <li>Summary of the petition is located on the bottom of the Order.</li> </ul>
Judge's signature is located on the bottom of the Order.
Completed Court Order Delayed Registration of Event Form  The Court Order Delayed Registration of Event Form is completed with as much available information.
Certified Copy of Order Establishing the Facts of the Event  I have enclosed a certified copy of the Order Establishing the Facts of the Event.  Note: The Order contains an original court seal, not a photocopy.
Payment for Registration  There is a twenty-three dollar (\$23) registration fee, which includes one (1) certified copy of the court order delayed certificate.  I have enclosed a check/money order (payable to CDPH Vital Records) for twenty-three dollars (\$23) for the registration of the certificate.
Payment for Additional Copies of Certificate  Birth - I have enclosed a check or money order for twenty-five dollars (\$25) per additional copy requested.  Death - I have enclosed a check or money order for twenty-one dollars (\$21) per additional copy requested.  Fetal Death - I have enclosed a check or money order for eighteen dollars (\$18) per additional copy requested.  Marriage - I have enclosed a check or money order for fifteen dollars (\$15) per additional copy requested.
Notarized Sworn Statement I have requested copies of the court order delayed certificate and would like the copies to be certified authorized copies.  I have enclosed a notarized sworn statement.

## **Form Guidelines**

Please review the applicable court order delayed registration form guidelines:

- For birth registrations, review page 3 (below) and page 4
- For **death** registrations, review pages 5 and 6
- For **fetal death** registrations, review pages 7 and 8
- For marriage registrations, review pages 9 and 10

### Birth - Form Guidelines

To prevent processing delays, please adhere to the following guidelines on how to complete the VS 108 - Order Establishing Fact of Birth and Court Order Delayed Registration of Birth form.

# Page 1 – Order Establishing Fact of Birth

#### **Court Information**

# ORDER ESTABLISHING FACT OF BIRTH In the Superior Court of the State of California In and for the County of (enter county where court is located) In the matter of the petition of (Enter name of petitioner) To establish the fact of birth of (Enter name of person whose birth is being established)

#### All court information must be entered in this section.

Note: The court assigns some information, including the department and court order number.

#### **Petition Information**

The verified petition of Mary Jane Smith	to establish the fact of the birth of
Michael James Smith	having been filed herein on
the 4thday of August	, A.D., 20, and such petition having by an order of court been duly
set for hearing on the 22nd day of August	, A.D., 20_15, at the hour of 10 o'clock <u>a.</u> m. of
, ,	ularly for hearing and it appearing to the satisfaction of this court from the
evidence introduced that the said Mary Jane Smit	h, petitioner herein, is

#### Petition information must include the following:

- Name of the petitioner
- Name of the person whose birth is being established
- Date the order was filed
- Hearing date

# **Birth – Form Guidelines (Continued)**

#### **Birth Information**

beneficially interested in establishing of record the fact of th	e birth of said Michael J	ames Smith	, in that		
Michael James Smith was born at home and we did not register his birth					
and it appearing that on the 3rd day of May	, A.D., 20 <u></u> 05	_ <sub>, a</sub> male	child was		
<sub>born to</sub> John Michael Smith			, parent		
<sub>and</sub> Mary Jane Smith			, parent;		
that the name of said child is Michael	James	Smith			
(First)	(Middle)	,(La	ast)		

#### Enter birth information in this section, including:

- The name of the person whose birth is being established
- A brief reason why the birth is being registered through the court
- The date of birth and sex marker (gender) for the person
- The parent(s) name(s)

#### **Court Order Information**

It is therefore o	rdered, adjudged, and	decreed that on the 3rd	<sub>day of</sub> May	, A.D., 20	05 <sub>, a</sub>
male	_ child of the name of	Michael James Smith			
was born to John M	lichael Smith				, parent,
and Mary Jane S	mith				, parent,
at Sacramento	, Cour	<sub>nty of</sub> Sacramento		State of California	

This is a summary of the petition usually entered once the court grants the petition. Note: You may be required to fill this out by the court.

Page 2 - Court Order Delayed Registration of Birth



This form is used to create the court ordered delayed certificate of birth. Enter as much information as known. If unknown, please enter UNK.

Note: Only the following two (2) sections are required:

- Facts of Birth
- Parent(s) section

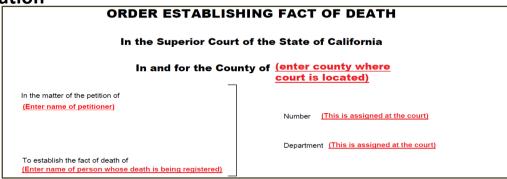
End of Birth – Form Guidelines section.

# **Death – Form Guidelines**

To prevent processing delays, please adhere to the following guidelines on how to complete the VS 109 - Order Establishing Fact of Death and Court Order Delayed Registration of Death form.

# Page 1 – Order Establishing Fact of Death

#### **Court Information**



#### All court information must be entered in this section.

Note: The court assigns some information, including the department and court order number.

#### **Petition Information**

The verified petition of Mary Jane Smith	to establish the fact of the death of
Michael James Smith	having been filed herein on the
4th day of August . A.D., 20_15 , and such petition having	by an order of court been duly set for
hearing on the 22nd day of August , A.D., 2015 , at the hour of	10 o'clocka m. of said
day; and now on said day said matter coming on regularly for hearing and it appearing to the satis	sfaction of this court from the evidence
introduced that the said Mary J. Smith	, petitioner herein, is beneficially

#### Petition information must include the following:

- Name of the petitioner
- Name of the decedent (person whose death is being established)
- Date the order was filed
- Hearing date

#### **Death Information**

	interested	in establishing of	f record the fact	t of the deat	th of said Mic	hael James S	nith			
						on June 2, 200		s not bee	n seen or	heard
	from sin	ce that day								
					; and it ap	pearing that on th	e 2nd	day of _	June	
,	A.D., 20 <u>0</u>	0, the dea	th of Michae	el James	Smith					occurred at
3	Sacrame	ento			, in the C	ounty of Sacrar	nento			, State of
	Californi	а			_; that said dea	ath has not been r	egistered in	conformity \	with the prov	visions of law in

#### Enter death information in this section, including:

- The name of the decedent (person whose death is being established)
- A brief reason why the death is being registered through the court
- The date and place of death

# **Death – Form Guidelines (Continued)**

# **Court Order Information**

It is therefore ordered, adjudged, and decreed that on the	3rd day of May , A.D.,
20_05, the death of Michael James Smith	
occurred at Sacramento	, County of Sacramento
State of California	

This is a summary of the petition, usually entered once court grants the petition. Note: You may be required to fill this out by the court.

# Page 2 - Court Order Delayed Registration of Death

	COURT ORDER DELAYED REGISTRATION OF DEATH STATE OF CALIFORNIA								
STATE	LEAVE BLANK STATE FILE NUMBER  NO ERASURES, WHITEOUTS, PHOTOCOPIES, OR ALTERATIONS  LEAVE BLANK LOCAL REGISTRATION NUMBER  TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY IN BLACK INK ONLY – THIS FORM BECOMES THE OFFICIAL DEATH RECORD								
	1A NAME—FIRST		1B. MIDDLE		10. L/				
	Michael  2A DATE OF DEATH—MMDD/CCYY		James 3. DATE OF BIRTH		Smi		OER ONE YEAR		IF UNDER 24 HOURS
		2B. HOUR		-MM/DD/CCYY	4. AGE IN YEARS	MONTH			OURS MINUTES
	06/02/2000		09/03/1977		23				
	5. BIRTH STATE/FOREIGN COUNTRY		S, SPECIFY ORIGIN		7. RACE—Up to 3 f	taces/Ethnic	ities May Be	Listed	8. SEX
	CA	YES 🗆		NO 🖾	Caucasian				Male
DECEDENT	9. MILITARY SERVICE?	10. SOCIAL SECUR	RITY NUMBER	11. EDUCA	TION-YEARS COM	PLETED			REGISTERED SHIP STATUS
PERSONAL	YES NO W UNK	123-45-678	39	Some	college		Nev. N		ONF STATUS
DATA	13A USUAL OCCUPATION Student	13B. USUAL KIND	OF BUSINESS/INDUS	STRY 13C, USU/	AL EMPLOYER		13D. YEAR	S IN OCCU	PATION
	14A. NAME OF SURVIVING SPOUSE/S' DOMESTIC PARTNER, FIRST	TATE REGISTERED	14B. MIDDLE	-	140. L	AST (BIRTH	)		
	15A. NAME OF FATHER/PARENTFIRS	IAME OF FATHER/PARENTFIRST 158. MIDDLE		15C. LAST	(BIRTH)			16. STATE	E/FOREIGN Y OF BIRTH
	John Michael			Smith			CA		
	17A. NAME OF MOTHER/PARENT—FIR	A. NAME OF MOTHER/PARENT—FIRST 17B. MIDDLE		17C. LAST (BIRTH)					E/FOREIGN Y OF BIRTH
	Mary		Jones	Jones			CA	TOPBRIN	
	19A. RESIDENCE—STREET and NUMB	ER, OR LOCATION	198. CI			TATE/FOR	EIGN COUNT	RY	19D. ZIP CODE
USUAL RESIDENCE	1234 Main Street			Sacramento YEARS IN THIS COUNTY		CA 95817  20. NAME. RELATIONSHIP, MAILING ADDRESS, AND ZIP			
NESIDENCE	Sacramento	23	OF TEARS IN THIS	COUNTY	CODE	CODE OF INFORMANT			
	21A PLACE OF DEATH Unknown		21B. C			y Jane 4 Main	Smith (I	Mother)	l .
	21C. ADDRESS—STREET and NUMBER	OBLOCATION	21D. C	amento			o. CA 95	817	
PLACE OF		:88—STREET and NUMBER, OR LOCATION 210. CI			- Cui	·	0, 0, 10		
DEATH	21E. IF HOSPITAL, SPECIFY 21F	PECIFY 21F. IF OTHER THAN HOSPITAL, SPECIFY							
	□ IP □ ER/OP □ DOA □	HOSPICE INU	RSING HOME/LTO	С □ НОМЕ □		INTERVAL		TH REPOR	TED TO CORONER?
	22. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: (ENTER	ONLY ONE CAUSE P	ER LINE FOR A, B, A	ND C)		EEN ONSET D DEATH	YE		AL NUMBER
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	IMMEDIATE (A) Unknown	ı			Unk	nown	☐ YE	3	× NO
									RFORMED?
	DUE TO (B) Missing F	erson					☐ YE	B	X NO
CAUSE OF DEATH									ERMINING CAUSE?
	DUE TO (C)							3	
	26. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO CAUSE				ED FOR ANY CONDI PE OF OPERATION		28. IF F	TO DEATH?	EGNANT IN YEAR
							YE	3	No
INJURY	29. LOCATION—STREET AND NUMBER	R, OR LOCATION, AN	DICITY		OW INJURY OCCURE			SULTED IN	(INJURY)
NFORMATION	Presumed Drowned in American River								

This form is used to create the court order delayed certificate of death. Enter as much information as known. If unknown, please enter UNK.

Note: Only the following five (5) sections are required:

- Decedent personal data
- Usual residence
- Place of death
- Cause of death
- Injury information

End of Death – Form Guidelines section.

# Fetal Death - Form Guidelines

To prevent processing delays, please adhere to the following guidelines on how to complete the VS 105 - Order Establishing Fact of Fetal Death and Court Order Delayed Registration of Fetal Death form.

# Page 1 – Order Establishing Fact of Fetal Death

#### **Court Information**

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ORDER ESTABLISHING FACT OF FETAL DEATH								
In the Superior Court of the State of California								
In and for the County of (enter county where court is located)								
In the matter of the petition of								
(Enter name of petitioner)	Number (This is assigned at the court)							
To establish the fact of fetal death of	Department (This is assigned at the court)							
(Enter name of person whose fetal death is being registered)								

#### All court information must be entered in this section.

Note: The court assigns some information, including the department and court order number.

#### **Petition Information**

The verified petition of	General Hospital		to establish the fac	t of fetal death
of John James				_ having been
filed herein on the9th	day ofJuly	, A.D., 20_07	, and such petition havi	ng by an order
of court been duly set for he	aring on the1st day of	August	, A.D., 20 <u>07</u>	, at the hour
of o'cle	ocka. m. of said day; and no	ow on said day said matter	coming on regularly for	hearing and it
appearing to the satisfaction	of this court from the evidence introdu	iced that the said Gen	eral Hospital	

#### Petition information must include the following:

- Name of the petitioner
- Name of the decedent (person whose fetal death is being established)
- Date the order was filed
- Hearing date

#### **Fetal Death Information**

of record the fact of the fetal death of said _	John James		,
in that the child's fetal death was r	ot registered because of a change in hos	oital personnel	
			; and
it appearing that on the3rdd	ay of_ June	, A.D., 20 <u>05</u>	
death ofJohn James			_ occurred at
Sacramento	, in the County of Sacramento		, State of
California	: that said fetal death has not been registered	in conformity with the	provisions of

#### Enter fetal death information in this section, including:

- The name of the decedent (person whose fetal death is being established)
- A brief reason why the fetal death is being registered through the court
- The date and place of fetal death

# Fetal Death - Form Guidelines (Continued)

# **Court Order Information**

It is therefore ordered, adjudge	ed, and decreed that on the3rd	day of	June	, A.D.,
20_05, the fetal death ofJ	lohn James			
occurred at Sacramento	, County of _	Sacramento		,
State of California				

This is a summary of the petition, usually entered once the court grants the **petition.** Note: You may be required to fill this out by the court.

# Page 2 - Court Order Delayed Registration of Fetal Death



CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH USE ONLY					
	17. FETAL DEATH WAS CAUSED BY:			18. WAS DEATH REPORTED TO CORONER?	
	IMMEDIATE CAUSE	(A) Extreme Prematurity		YESREFERRAL NUMBER	_⊠ <sub>NO</sub>
				19A. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED?	
CAUSE OF FETAL DUE TO (B)		(B)		YES	NO NO
DEATH				19B. WAS IT USED IN DETERMINING CAUSE OF DEATH?	
	DUE TO	(C)		YES	NO
	20. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS OF FETUS OR BIRTH MOTHER CONTRIBUTING TO FETAL DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO CAUSE GIVEN IN ITEM 17.				
GENETIC	21. HISPANIC, L ORIGIN)	ATINO, OR SPANISH? (IF YES, SPECIFY	22. RACE—Up to 3 Races/Ethnicities May Be Listed	23. EDUCATION—Highest Level/Degree	
FATHER	YES	NO X	Caucasian, Japanese, Korean	14	
GENETIC 24. HISPANIC, LATINA, OR SPANISH? (IF YES, SPECIFY ORIGIN)		ATINA, OR SPANISH? (IF YES, SPECIFY	25. RACE—Up to 3 Races/Ethnicities May Be Listed	26. EDUCATION—Highest Level/Degree	
MOTHER	YES	NO X	Caucasian, Black	14	

This form is used to create the court order delayed certificate of fetal death. Enter as much information as known. If unknown, please enter UNK.

Note: Only the following five (5) sections are required:

- This Fetus
- Place of Event
- Father/Parent
- Mother/Parent
- Confidential Information for Public Health Use Only

End of Fetal Death – Form Guidelines section.

# **Marriage – Form Guidelines**

To prevent processing delays, please adhere to the following guidelines on how to complete the VS 122 - Order Establishing Fact of Marriage and Court Order Delayed Registration of Marriage form.

# <u>Page 1 – Order Establishing Fact of Marriage</u>

# **Court Information**

ORDER ESTABLISHING	FACT OF MARRIAGE
In the Superior Court of	the State of California
In and for the County of	(enter county where
	court is located)
In the matter of the petition of (Enter name of petitioner)	Number (This is assigned at the court)
To establish the fact of marriage of Enter name of first spouse and	}
(Enter name of second spouse)	Department (This is assigned at the court)

#### All court information must be entered in this section.

Note: The court assigns some information, including the department and court order number.

# **Petition Information**

The verified petition of Mary Jane Smith	to establish the fact of
marriage ofJohn Michael Smith and Mary Jane Smith	having
been filed herein on the 1st day of May	, A.D., 20_09 , and such petition having by an order of
court been duly set for hearing on the day of	May, A.D., 20_09, at the hour of9
o'clock <u>a.</u> m. of said day; and now on said day said matter com	ing on regularly for hearing and it appearing to the satisfaction of this
court from the evidence introduced that the said Mary Jane Sm	ith

#### Petition information must include the following:

- Name of the petitioner
- Names of persons whose marriage is being established
- Date the order was filed
- Hearing date

#### **Marriage Information**

petitioner herein, is beneficially interested in establishing of record	the fact of the marriage of said John Michael Smith and
Mary Jane Smith	
in that there is no marriage record on file	
and it appearing that on the15thday of _June	, A.D., 20 06 , the marriage, each to each other,
of _John Michael Smith	and Mary Jane Smith
occurred, and was solemnized at Sacramento	, in the County of Sacramento
California	; that said marriage has not been registered in conformity with

#### Enter marriage information in this section, including:

- The names of the persons whose marriage is being established
- A brief reason why the marriage is being registered through the court
- The date and place of marriage

# **Marriage – Form Guidelines (Continued)**

# **Court Order Information**

	It is therefore ordered, adjudged, and dec	reed that on the 15th	day of _	lune	, A.D.,
<sub>20</sub> 06	, the marriage, each to each other, of		and	Mary Jane Smith	occurred
<sub>at</sub> Sac	ramento			cramento	, State
or Coun	<sub>ry of</sub> California				

This is a summary of the petition, usually entered once the court grants the petition. Note: You may be required to fill this out by the court.

Page 2 - Court Order Delayed Registration of Marriage

	CO	URT ORDE	R DE	LAYED CERTIF STATE OF CALIFOR		MARRIAGE		
		N	IO ERAS	SURES, WHITEOUTS, PH OR ALTERATIONS	HOTOCOPIES,			
	STATE FILE NUMBER				_	LOCAL	REGISTRATION NUMBER	
	TYPE OR PRINT O	LEARLY IN BL	ACK INF	CONLY - THIS FORM B	ECOMES THE C	FFICIAL MARRIAGE R	ECORD	
	1A. FIRST NAME				1B. MIDDLE			
	John			Michael				
	1C. CURRENT LAST				1D. LAST NAME AT BIRTH (IF DIFFERENT THAN 1C)			
	Smith							
	2. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/CCYY)	3. STATE/COUNTRY	OFBIRTH	4. # PREV. MARRIAGES/SRDP		E/SRDP ENDED BY:	58. DATE ENDED	
3ride OATA	07/04/1980	CA		0	□ DEATH □ DISSO	☐ ANNULMENT ☐ TERM SRDP	N/A (MM/DD/CCYY)	
□ O	6. ADDRESS			7. CITY	1	8. STATE / COUNTRY	9. ZIP CODE	
ERSE	1234 Main Street			Sacramento		CA/USA	95817	
☐ Groom ☐ Bride FIRST PERSON DATA	10A. MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIR	FFERENT)		10B. CITY		10C. STATE	10D. ZIP CODE	
□≝							_	
	11A. FULL BIRTH NAME OF FAT	THER/PARENT				11B. STATE OF BIRTH (IF OU	TSIDE U.S., ENTER COUNTRY)	
	James Mark Smith	1				CA		
	12A. FULL BIRTH NAME OF MO				12B. STATE OF BIRTH (IF OUTSIDE U.S., ENTER COUNTRY)			
	Judith Jane Jones	5			CA			
	13A. FIRST NAME				:13B. MIDDLE			
	Mary				Jane			
	13C. CURRENT LAST				13D. LAST NAME AT BIRTH (IF DIFFERENT THAN 13C)			
	Brown							
<	14. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/CCYY)	15. STATE/COUNTR	RY OF BIRTH	H 16. # PREV. MARRIAGES/SRDP				
☐ Groom ☐ Bride SECOND PERSON DATA	03/19/1981	CA		0	□ DEATH □ DISSO	☐ ANNUMENT ☐ TERM SRDP	NA (MMDDICCYY)	
₽Š	18. ADDRESS			19. CITY		20. STATE / COUNTRY	21. ZIP CODE	
E E	1234 Main Street			Sacramento		CA/USA	95817	
SONC SONC	22A. MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIF	FFERENT)		22B. CITY		22C. STATE	22D. ZIP CODE	
						_	-	
	23A. FULL BIRTH NAME OF FA	THER/PARENT				23B. STATE OF BIRTH (IF OU	TSIDE U.S., ENTER COUNTRY)	
	William Charles Bro	own				CA		
	24A. FULL BIRTH NAME OF MO	THER/PARENT					TSIDE U.S., ENTER COUNTRY)	
	Martha Marie Mille	er .				CA		
ACTS OF					27. COUNTY OF MARRIAG	BE .		
MARRIAGE	06/15/2006		Sacra	mento	Sacramento			
ES	NEW MIDDLE AND LAST NAME OF PERSON LISTED IN 1A - 1D (IF ANY) FOR USE UPON SOLEMNIZATION OF THE MARRIAGE (IF DIFFERENT THAN 18 AND 1C)  28A. FIRST - MUST BE SAME AS 1A  28B. MIDDLE  28C. LAST							
NEW NAMES (IF ANY)	NEW MIDDLE AND LAST NAME OF PERSON LISTED IN 13A - 13D (IF ANY) FOR USE UPON SOLEMNIZATION OF THE MARRIAGE (IF DIFFERENT THAN 138 AND 13C)							
<u>≅</u> ≝	29A. FIRST - MUST BE SAME AS 13A 29B. MIDDLE				29C. LAST			
Z	Mary				Brown-Smith			

This form is used to create the court order delayed certificate of marriage. Enter as much information as known. If unknown, please enter UNK.

Note: Only the following four (4) sections are required:

- First Person Data
- Second Person Data
- Facts of Marriage
- New Names (if any) End of Marriage Form Guidelines section.

# **Certified Copy of the Order**

A certified copy of the order establishing the fact of birth, death, fetal death, or marriage is required, as this certifies the order submitted is a true copy of what the court has on file.

A "certified" copy of the order is a photocopy of the original order dated and signed by the judge, which contains a(n):

- Original court seal on the front or back of the certified copy and not on a blank sheet of paper.
- Signature or signature stamp of the judge's signature.
- Signature or signature stamp of the court clerk's signature.

# Name and Mailing Address of Applicant

Please submit a cover sheet that identifies the name and mailing address of the person who should receive the certified copy of the registered certificate.

# **Appropriate Fee(s)**

There is a twenty-three dollar (\$23) registration fee, which includes one (1) certified copy of the court order delayed certificate.

- Each additional certified copy requires the following fee:
  - o **Births**, each additional copy is twenty-five dollars (\$25)
  - Deaths, each additional copy is twenty-one dollars (\$21)
  - Fetal Deaths, each additional copy is eighteen dollars (\$18)
  - Marriages, each additional copy is fifteen dollars (\$15)
- Checks or Money Orders must be made payable to CDPH Vital Records.
- International money orders for out-of-country requests must be payable in U.S. dollars.

## **Notarized Sworn Statement**

An authorized person must submit a notarized <u>sworn statement</u> to receive a certified authorized copy of the amended certificate. Please see list of authorized persons below:

- ✓ Registrant (Name on Certificate)
- ✓ Grandparent/Grandchild of Registrant
- ✓ Authorized by Court Order (Include copy of court order.)
- ✓ Law Enforcement/Govt. Agency (Conducting Official Business)
- ✓ Power of attorney/Executor of the registrant's Estate (Include a copy of the power of attorney or supporting documentation identifying you as executor.)

- ✓ Child/Sibling of Registrant
- ✓ Spouse/Registered Domestic Partner of Registrant
- ✓ Attorney Representing Registrant or Registrant's Estate
- ✓ Parent/Legal Guardian of Registrant (Legal guardian must provide documentation.)
- ✓ For births only: Attorney/Licensed Adoption Agency (Under CA Family Code Section 3140 or 7603)
- ✓ For deaths only: Individuals specified in HSC Section 7100 (a)(1)-(a)(8)

#### The notarized sworn statement must:

- Include a penalty of perjury statement
- Identify the applicant's relationship to the registrant (person whose birth certificate is being registered)
- Be signed in the presence of a notary public
- Contain the notary's official seal. (<u>NOTE</u>: A sworn statement notarized by a foreign notary must have an apostille attached. Foreign notarizations obtained at a United States Embassy or Consulate do not require an apostille.)

**Please see a sample of a sworn statement below.** (The notary completes the Certificate of Acknowledgment section after the applicant's signature is witnessed.)



# **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### Q: Where can I find forms and pamphlets?

#### A: Please see links below.

- VS 108 Order Establishing Fact of Birth (https://www.cdph.ca.gov/CDPH%20Document%20Library/ControlledForms/VS108.pdf)
- <u>VS 109</u> *Order Establishing Fact of Death* (https://www.cdph.ca.gov/CDPH%20Document%20Library/ControlledForms/VS109.pdf)
- VS 122 Order Establishing Fact of Marriage (https://www.cdph.ca.gov/CDPH%20Document%20Library/ControlledForms/VS122.pdf)
- VS 105 Order Establishing Fact of Fetal Death (https://www.cdph.ca.gov/CDPH%20Document%20Library/ControlledForms/VS105.pdf)
- <u>Sworn Statement</u> Sworn statement webpage (https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHSI/Pages/Sworn-Statement.aspx)
- <u>CDPH Vital Records Website</u> All other informational pamphlets and forms (https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHSI/Pages/Correcting-or-Amending-Vital-Records.aspx)

#### Q: How do I obtain a court order?

A: CDPH-VR staff cannot provide legal advice, nor does CDPH-VR have information about the legal process. You may find helpful court process information by visiting the <a href="court website">court website</a>. (http://www.courts.ca.gov/)

# Q: Who can petition to establish the court order delayed certificate?

A: Any beneficially interested person may petition the superior court in any of the following:

- The county in which the birth, death, or marriage is alleged to have occurred.
- The county of residence of the person whose birth or marriage it is sought to establish.
- The county in which the person was domiciled at the date of death.

# Q: What is the current processing time?

A: Current processing times are listed on the CDPH-VR <u>website</u>. (https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHSI/Pages/Vital-Records-Processing-Times.aspx)

# Q: Will my supporting documents be returned?

A: Supporting documents, including certified copies of court orders, will not be returned.

Please keep copies of all documents submitted.

# Q: What if I still have questions?

A: Please contact the CDPH-VR Customer Service Unit by email at <a href="mailto:AmendVR@cdph.ca.gov">AmendVR@cdph.ca.gov</a> or telephone at (916) 445-2684.

#### **SWORN STATEMENT INSTRUCTIONS**

- Only one sworn statement is required for multiple records.
- Sworn statements are not required for informational copy requests.
- Authorized individuals must complete the top portion of the sworn statement by signing and identifying their relationship to person listed on certificate.
- Sworn statements must be notarized for authorized copy requests. Law enforcement, governmental agencies, and funeral establishments (death records only) are exempt from the notary requirement, but must complete the top portion of the sworn statement page.
- A sworn statement notarized by a foreign notary must have an apostille attached. Foreign
  notarizations obtained by an Ambassador, Minister, Consul, Vice Consul or Consular Agent of the
  United States, or from a Judge of Court of record having a seal in a foreign county do not require
  an apostille.

#### **RELATIONSHIP TO REGISTRANT**

#### **List of Authorized Persons:**

- The registrant or a parent, legal guardian, child, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner of the registrant.
- A party entitled to receive the record as a result of court order or an attorney or licensed adoption agency seeking the birth record in order to comply with the requirements of Section 3140 or 7603 of the Family Code. (Please include a copy of the court order.)
- A member of a law enforcement agency or a representative of another governmental agency, as provided by law, who is conducting official business. (Companies representing a government agency must provide authorization from the government agency.)
- Any person or agency empowered by statute or appointed by a court to act on behalf of the registrant or the registrant's estate (Include a copy of the power of attorney or documentation identifying you as executor.)
- An attorney representing the registrant or the registrant's estate.
- Any agent or employee of a funeral establishment who acts within the course and scope of employment and on behalf of persons specified in HSC § 7100 (a) (1)-(8).
- Surviving next of kin (As specified in HSC § 7100).

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SWORN ST	ATEMENT
I,, declare und ( <b>Applicant's</b> Printed Name)	der penalty of perjury under the laws of the
State of California, that I am an authorized person, as defi	ined in California Health and Safety Code Section 103526
c), and am eligible to receive a certified copy of the	birth, death, or marriage certificate of the following
ndividual(s):	
Registrant (Name of person whose certificate you are requesting)	Applicant's Relationship to Registrant (Must be an authorized person)
The remaining information must be completed in the pr	resence of a Notary Public or CDPH Vital Records staff.)
Subscribed to this day of, 20, at (Month)	(City) (State)
	(Applicant's Signature)
CERTIFICATE OF AC	CKNOWLEDGMENT
who signed the document to which this certificate	ertificate verifies only the identity of the individual e is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or nat document.
State of	
County of	
Onbefore me, (Insert name and title of	, personally appeared,
who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence	
to the within instrument and acknowledged to me the	
authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signa	. , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the i	·
the laws of the State of California that the foregoing par	agraph is true and correct
(SIGNATURE OF NOTARY PUBL	WITNESS my hand and official seal.  (SEAL)  LIC)

