

DEFINITIONS OF LIVE BIRTH, FETAL DEATH, AND INDUCED TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY

For each individual, only one of the following three record types should be submitted. If a fetal death, a Report of Fetal Death might not be required (see below).

LIVE BIRTH: means the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of human conception, irrespective of the duration of pregnancy, which, after such expulsion or extraction, breathes or shows any other evidence of life such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord or definite movement of voluntary muscles, whether or not the umbilical cord has been cut or the placenta is attached.

Length, weight, and gestation do not determine whether an infant is live born and if a certificate of live birth must be completed.

When a live born infant is delivered in an institution the person in charge of the institution or a designated representative of the person in charge shall prepare and file the certificate of live birth within five days of birth.

ORS 432.206

FETAL DEATH: Each fetal death of 350 grams or more, or, if weight is unknown, of 20 completed weeks gestation or more, calculated from the date of last normal menstrual period began to the date of delivery, that occurs in this state shall be reported within five days after delivery to the county registrar of the county in which the fetal death occurred. All induced terminations of pregnancy shall not be reported as a fetal death.

If final disposition is being made by a funeral home, even if the fetal death does not meet the reporting requirements, the second page of a fetal death report must be completed. The funeral home staff use that form as a transit and disposition permit and hospitals should have it available when the fetus is removed from the institution.

ORS 432.333

INDUCED TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY: means the purposeful interruption of an intrauterine pregnancy with the intention other than to

produce a live-born infant and which does not result in a live birth. Induced termination of pregnancy does not include management of prolonged retention of products of conception following fetal death.

The person in charge of the institution in which the induced termination of pregnancy was performed shall report each induced termination of pregnancy regardless of the length of gestation, to the Vital Statistics Unit within thirty days. If the induced termination of pregnancy was performed outside an institution, the attending physician shall prepare and file the report.

ORS 435.496