

## Information Sheet for the Affidavit to Correct a Birth Certificate



### Checklist to Amend a Birth Record - In addition to submitting the Birth Affidavit form, you must:

- Submit Birth Order Form
- Provide Copy of Current Photo ID
- Pay \$35 Amendment Fee
- Pay Required Certificate Fee (if ordering a new birth certificate)
  - \$25 for one computer issued certificate (all information for births in 2008 through present, basic information for births in 1903 through 2007)
  - \$30 for one full image (photocopy) certificate (available only for 1903-2007 birth records)
  - You may exchange one incorrect original birth certificate, issued within the last 12 months, for a free corrected certificate. (Original certificates must be submitted to exchange.)
  - All other certificates issued within 12 months may be exchanged for \$5 each.
- Submit Original Evidence Document (if required)

### Guidelines for Original Evidence Documents

- Original of the document must be submitted. Faxed, scanned, emailed, or photocopied documents cannot be accepted.
- Document information must match what is now listed on the birth certificate except for item being corrected.
- Original evidence documents will be returned to you when corrections are completed.
- Each item to be amended must be supported by one original evidence document. We cannot use multiple sources to meet evidence requirements. For example, an amended name must be shown in its entirety (first middle last) on one document.

### Evidence must show:

- CORRECT full name (first, middle, last) as it is to be corrected to on the birth record, including full middle name.
- CORRECT date of birth or age - if birth date is being corrected, the birth date as it should appear on the birth record.
- Additional information to be corrected on the birth record.

**For Child Under Age 1:** Evidence is usually not required to amend\* a child's name until after their first birthday. Correctly completed amendment requests must be postmarked before the child's first birthday to be accepted without evidence. After the child's first birthday, the requirements change, by law, and may require an evidence document or a court order or judgment. \*(This may include an entirely new name for the child.)

### To Correct Child's Information:

- For child 7 years old or older, document must be at least 5 years old to correct child information.
- For child 6 years old or younger, evidence must be at least 1 year old to correct child information.
- To correct child's date of birth, time of birth, or medically determined sex at birth, a hospital affidavit is required until the medical record is no longer available (our office will obtain this for you), then evidence must be dated prior to 7th birthday.

### To Correct Parent Information:

- Document must be dated before the child's birth to correct parent information.
- To correct child's last name shared with parent or the spelling of a parent name, parent date of birth, or parent place of birth, evidence document must be dated before the child's birth date and include parent full name, date of birth, or age.

See Examples for possible evidence documents on next page.

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### Examples for evidence documents include:

- Original hospital memento birth record
- Medical record for child with letter from attendant/doctor
- Original immunization record
- Original baptismal record or religious blessing record
- Original certified school attendance record or school enrollment record
- Original certified child's record listing registrant as a parent
- Original military discharge record
- Original passport, issued more than five years ago
- Certified court documents—divorce, custody, parenting, etc.
- Certified copy of application for Social Security Number

### Oregon Record as Evidence:

If the evidence document is a marriage, parent's birth, older sibling's birth, your own, or your child's birth record filed in Oregon Vital Records, fill in the applicable sections on page 2 of the affidavit form. We will locate the record in our files and determine whether it is acceptable.

For additional information and examples for evidents documents for specific types of corrections, visit the "Change a Record" menu at the Vital records website at [www.HealthOregon.org/chs](http://www.HealthOregon.org/chs).

### Helpful Hints for completing the Birth Affidavit Form:

- You may fill out the form on your computer (if accessing it on our website) and print it or print the blank form and fill it out by hand.
- If you complete the form by hand, print clearly in blue or black ink.
- ! • If ANY words are crossed out or any white out is used on the form, the affidavit will be rejected. If you make a mistake, fill out a new form again completely.
- ! • Do not sign the form until you are with the notary.
- Make one payment for all fees. No cash. Make payment by money order or check to OHA/Vital Records.
- Do not staple payment or documents to each other or to the order form.

### Place all materials in one sealed envelope and submit to Oregon Vital Records by:

**Mail:** Oregon Vital Records  
Amendments Unit  
PO Box 14050  
Portland OR 97293

**Drop Box:** Oregon Vital Records  
Amendments Unit  
800 NE Oregon Street  
Portland OR 97232

The bright blue box is located at the entrance by the west door (located in the parking lot).

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For Office Use Only

File # \_\_\_\_\_

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Child's name listed on record (at birth)	(first)	(middle)	(last)
Child's date of birth		County of birth	Oregon

**Type information or clearly print in blue or black ink.** To make the changes indicated below, one or more signatures are required in the presence of a Notary. When finished, mail form to the above address. If additional space is needed, please use an additional notarized form.

Description of item to be corrected (First name of child, mother/parent A's birth place, father/parent B's birth date, etc.)	Original record <i>now</i> shows	Corrected item <i>should</i> show

- ! • **Sign your name ONLY in the presence of a Notary.**
- **Registrant (child listed on the record) must sign if age 18 or older (parent signatures are not required).**
- **Each parent on record must sign if making change(s) to the child's information if child is under age of 18.**

Please provide your email in case we need to contact you. \_\_\_\_\_

**I, (we), do hereby declare that this affidavit is made in order to provide a true and correct record of birth as indicated above. It is a Class C felony for any person to make any false statement or supply false information in an application for an amendment of a birth record.**

**Signer #1** ☐ Registrant (child listed on record age 18 years or older) ☐ Mother or Parent A  
**Choose one:** ☐ Guardian (not listed on record) (Attach original/certified proof of guardianship.) ☐ Father or Parent B

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed to before me on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_

State of \_\_\_\_\_ County of \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Seal/Stamp

**Signer #2** ☐ Mother or Parent A ☐ Father or Parent B  
**Choose one:**

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed to before me on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_

State of \_\_\_\_\_ County of \_\_\_\_\_

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**NOTARY INSTRUCTIONS:** If notary is using a raised seal, indicate in which state you are registered as a notary and the date your commission expires. Notary signature and seal must appear in this form. Do not attach a separate notary statement.

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**Current/Past marriage record for evidence:**

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Husband/Spouse A full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Wife/Spouse B full maiden name: \_\_\_\_\_

Marriage date: \_\_\_\_\_ Place (city/county): \_\_\_\_\_ Oregon

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Husband/Spouse A full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Wife/Spouse B full maiden name: \_\_\_\_\_

Marriage date: \_\_\_\_\_ Place (city/county): \_\_\_\_\_ Oregon

**Birth record for evidence:**

Relationship refers to how the person on the record for evidence is related to person on the record being corrected.

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Full name of child listed on record (for evidence): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place (city/county): \_\_\_\_\_ Oregon

Relationship: This person is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the person on record being corrected.

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Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place (city/county): \_\_\_\_\_ Oregon

Relationship: This person is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the person on record being corrected.

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Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place (city/county): \_\_\_\_\_ Oregon

Relationship: This person is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the person on record being corrected.

**Please note:** An affidavit can only be used for minor corrections. More extensive corrections will require a court order or a different form. For further information, visit the "Change a Record" menu at [www.HealthOregon.org/chs](http://www.HealthOregon.org/chs).

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