

# How to Register Your Child's Birth after a Home Birth

Have you already had or planning to have a birth at home or outside a health care facility without a midwife or licensed attendant present? Contact the Center for Health Statistics to get information and the form needed to register your baby's birth.\*

We encourage you to request the home birth packet and complete the requirements to register your child's birth **before your child is one year old**.



## Registering your child's birth allows you to get:

- A birth certificate
- A Social Security Number to file taxes
- Health insurance/other benefits



If you do not register your child's birth before they turn one year old, the registration requirements change and could involve:

- Additional forms, documentation, and processes.
- Registration and other possible fees.
- Your child not receiving a Social Security Number.
- Longer wait times for documents to be reviewed and the birth certificate to be processed.



## To start the process to register your child's birth:

1. Complete the Home Birth Packet Request Form: <https://bit.ly/OR-HomeBirthPacket>
2. Submit the completed form:
  - Email: [CHS.Amendments@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:CHS.Amendments@oha.oregon.gov)
  - Fax: 971-673-1201
  - Mail: Oregon Vital Records | PO Box 14050 | Portland, OR 97293
3. Once you receive your home birth packet in the mail, read it carefully. It contains a blank birth certificate you need to complete, lists evidence documents you will need to submit, and additional information.\*

\*Learn more at the Vital Records Home Birth web page: <https://bit.ly/OR-HomeBirth>