Replacing Birth and Death Certificates for Counties



This document shows the steps for issuing replacement certificates after an amendment. After a birth or death record has been amended, replacement copies of may be issued as long as the original copies have been received and shredded by the county. Counties can only issue records up to six months after the vital event occurred.

Note: If the amendment on the record is to a field that does not appear on the certified copy of the certificates, replacements do not need to be issued.

Step 1: Check the Prior Order

Log in to OVERS. Choose Order Processing, then Search.
 You can search for an order in four categories: Search by order,
 Search by applicant, Search by event requested, and Search by matched event. In the Search by Order category, you can search by the security paper number.



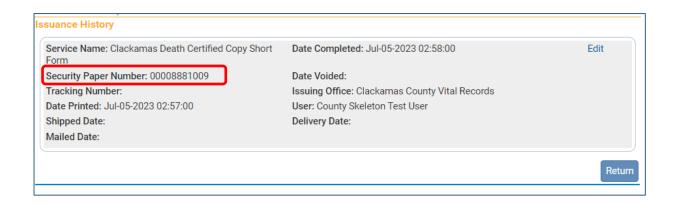
• Find the original order in the search Results. Click on the Order Number.



Note: If you cannot locate an order the certificates may have been issued at the state. These replacements will require a new order with the appropriate service selected.

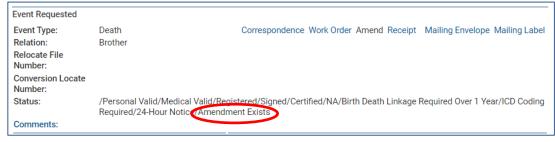
You will be taken to the Order Summary page. First, check to ensure that the paper numbers being
returned to you match the paper numbers issued in the order. To do this, click on Issuance History
at the bottom of the page.

You will be taken to the **Issuance History** page. The right column contains the security paper numbers issued on the order. Compare these numbers against the certificates being returned. Click **Return** to go back to the **Order Summary** page.



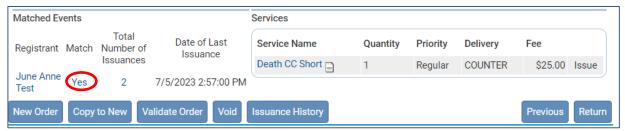
If the numbers do not match, search for an order that matches. If no order matches the security paper being returned for replacements, but the certificates being returned are valid and the record has been amended, you can start a new order. Skip to Step 3 to create a **New Order**.

Next, look under the Events Requested section. In the Status line, you will see if an amendment exists
on the record. If an amendment is listed, check to make sure the amendment is complete, detailed in
Step 2.



Step 2: Check the Certificate Amendment

 On the Order Summary page, look in the Matched Events section. Under the heading that states Match, click on the word Yes.



• You will be taken to the **Child** page for birth records or the **Decedent** page for death records. Click on **Print Forms** under **Other Links**.

You will be taken to the Print Forms page. Click Working Copy.



• Open the file to view a **Working Copy** of the certificate. Print this on *plain paper* (it is not a certified copy). On a working copy of a certificate, each section is numbered. Section numbers 45 and 68 list the amendment(s) made to the record by the funeral director and medical certifier on a death certificate. Section number 12 lists the amendment(s) made to the record on a birth certificate.

In the below example, the medical certifier amended tobacco use and time of death. Because the amendment is shown on the working copy of the death certificate, the amendment is complete and replacement copies of the record may be issued.

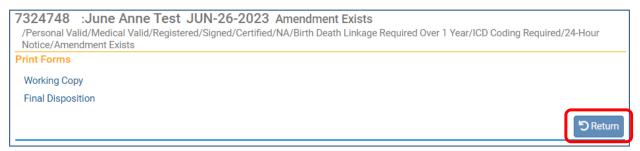
68. Amendment Other Factors-Tobacco Use- amended on JUN-26-2023; formerly No;, Pronouncement-Time of Death- amended on JUN-26-2023; formerly 10:10 AM;

Note: Not all amendments to a record will appear in these two sections. You may need to confirm with the person ordering the replacement copies that the amendment they expect to see is reflected on the working copy of the certificate.

Shred the working copy of the certificate after you have confirmed the information is correct.

Step 3: Issue Revised Certificate(s)

• If the original order was found, return to that original order by clicking the **Return** button twice. First, click **Return** on the **Print Forms** page. You will be taken to the **Decedent** page. Click **Return** again. If the original order was not found, click on **Order Processing** and start a new order.



If the original order was found you will be taken back to the **Order Summary** page. You will follow slightly different steps depending on if all certificates were returned or if only some of the certificates are returned to you. Follow the appropriate instructions below.

 Enter a comment indicating the reason that the replacement copies are needed. Click on Comments in the Event Requested section.

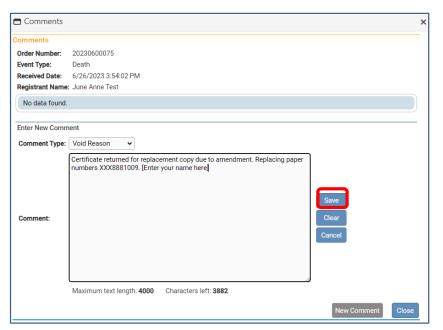


When the **Comments** box appears, click **New Comment**.

For the **Comment Type**, choose **Void Reason**. Enter the reason the certificate for the order will be voided and the paper number that is being returned. Enter your name. Click **Save**. Then click **Close** to return to

the **Order Summary**.

jammed, etc.



order the order for the replacement certificates. If you were able to locate an order you can click **Copy to New**, otherwise you must start a new order. When you click **Copy to New**, the current order will copy into a new order. You will see a new order number at the top of your screen. **Note**: Do not VOID the original order. The only time you would **VOID** an order is if you made a mistake on the order before or after issuing the certificates and you need to start over because the services were incorrect, you matched the order and issued the wrong record, or the certificates did not print properly, the paper



• Click through the pages in the **Order Processing Menu** to complete all fields and make any necessary changes. Necessary changes may include:

Applicant Tab: Ensure the applicant information has not changed. An example would be funeral home staff that ordered the original certificate or address information may have changed since the original order was placed. Make sure the applicant is eligible to order the certificate and that they have the necessary identification. Document the applicant's identification by entering a comment. Select the **ID** Comment Type and enter in the type of ID presented along with the number if applicable. For example, OR DL 12345.

Matched Events Tab: Select the Applicant's Relationship to the registrant. Make sure the applicant is eligible to order the certificate.

Services Tab: Click Edit next to the type of service. Change the type of certificate to Birth/Death Replace CC No Fee or Birth/Death Replace CC with Fee as appropriate. Death replacements include options for either the long or the short form. Make any other applicable changes, then click Save.

Payments Tab: Select the method of payment then click **Add Payment** to enter the payment for the replacement if a fee is being charged for the replacement. You can also click **Edit Payer** to change the payee if needed.

Summary Tab: Issue the replacement certificates as you normally would from this point forward.

- In the Event Requested section, click Comments. When the Comments box appears, click New
 Comment. For the Comment Type, choose Order Processing. Reference the previous order number,
 enter reason certificates were returned and replacements requested, and the security paper numbers
 that were voided. Enter your name. Click Save. Then click Close to return to the Order Summary.
- Locate the original order and add the security paper number(s) for the replacement order in a Comment.
- Add the intaglio paper numbers for the certificates that were replaced to the Tracking Voids Excel Spreadsheet. The spreadsheet is sent to CHS.VitalRecords@oha.oregon.gov on the 1st and 15th of every month. This ensures that the security paper numbers are voided in OVERS.

Shred the original certificates issued which have now been replaced.

Information about Amendment and Replacement Fees

Death Certificate Amendment Fees

- No amendment fee is charged if a death record is amended within the first year following date of death.
- A \$35 amendment fee is charged by the State Vital Records office for the amendment of personal information (items 1 – 39, excluding date of death) after one year from date of death.
- No amendment fee is charged for amending cause of death information or date of death.

Death Certificate Replacement Fees

- A \$5 per replacement certificate fee is charged when original documents are returned after the amendment of any personal information (items 1-39, excluding date of death).
- Replacement certificates are free when only cause of death information is amended.

Birth Certificate Amendment Fees

- No amendment fee is charged if a hospital or birthing facility submits a correction for a typographical error they made within the first year of birth.
- No amendment fee is ever charged for the correction of date of birth, sex of child, or time
 of birth if it is submitted by a hospital or birthing facility. There is no age limit for this type
 of correction and is available for as long as the medical record can be found.
- No amendment fee is charged when a parent submits a supplemental report. This is for adding information that is missing from the original birth record within the first year of birth. Changes to existing information on the record cannot be included with a supplemental report.
- A \$35 amendment fee is charged by the State Vital Records office when a parent submits a change to a birth record at any time after the birth record is registered.

Birth Certificate Replacement Fees

• One free replacement birth certificate is available after any amendment when an original certificate is returned. All additional replacement certificates are \$5 each.