

Birth certificates: Ordering and correcting

A birth certificate is one of the most important legal documents used to establish identity. It shows who your child is, where your child was born, and when your child was born. A birth certificate is required for many things during a person's life such as:

- Enrolling for benefits;
- Enrolling in schools;
- Getting a Social Security card;
- Getting a driver's license;
- Getting a passport;
- Playing sports.

Ordering birth certificates

How soon after my baby's birth can I order a birth certificate?

Birth certificates are filed with the State Vital Records office and certified copies are available within two weeks after the birth.

How much does it cost?

The cost is \$25* for the first copy and \$20* for additional copies of the same record ordered at the same time.

How can I order a copy of my child's birth certificate?

- You can purchase certified copies from most Oregon counties until the baby is 6 months old. Contact your local county vital records office. \$25.00*
- You can order copies from the State Vital Records office:
 - » In person at 800 N.E. Oregon Street, Suite 205, Portland, OR 97232-2162. Any immediate family member can order with photo identification. \$28.25*

- » On the Internet with a credit card at www.vitalchek.com. \$43.00*.
- » By telephone at 888-896-4988, using a credit card. \$44.95*.
- » By mail. A birth record order form is available in the back of this resource guide.

*Fees are subject to change.

Correcting birth certificates

Corrections and changes can be made through the Amendments Unit of the State Vital Records office. Please call 971-673-1169 for more information about changing or correcting a birth certificate within the first year of birth.

For more information

Frequently asked questions (FAQs) about ordering birth certificates:

<https://public.health.oregon.gov/BirthDeathCertificates/GetVitalRecords/Pages/faqs.aspx>

Information about changing a certificate:

<https://public.health.oregon.gov/BirthDeathCertificates/ChangeVitalRecords/Pages/LegalAmendVR.aspx>