

INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR BIRTH RECORD APPLICATION

COMPUTER CERTIFICATION: computer certifications are accepted by all state and federal agencies and used for any type of travel.

A computer certification has two different formats:

1. A certification of a registered birth (2004 to present), supplies the following facts of birth: Child's Name, Date of Birth, Sex, Time, Weight, Place of Birth (City, County and Location) and Parents' Information.
2. A certification of a registered birth (1930 to 2003), supplies the following facts of birth: Child's Name, Date of Birth, Sex, County of Birth and Parents' Name.

AVAILABILITY: Birth registration was not required by state law until 1917, but there are some records on file dating back to 1865.

ELIGIBILITY: Birth certificates can be issued only to:

1. Registrant (the child named on the record) if of legal age (18)
2. Parent(s) listed on the Birth Record
3. Legal guardian (must provide guardianship papers)
4. Legal representative of one of the above persons
5. Other person(s) by court order (must provide recorded or certified copy of court order)

In the case of a deceased registrant, upon receipt of the death certificate of the decedent, a certification of the birth certificate can be issued to the spouse, child, grandchild, sibling, if of legal age, or to the legal representative of any of these persons as well as to the parent.

Any person of legal age may be issued a certified copy of a birth record (except for those birth records under seal) for a birth event that occurred up to 125 years.

BIRTH RECORDS UNDER SEAL: Birth records under seal by reason of adoption, paternity determination or court order cannot be ordered in the usual manner. For a record under seal, write to:

OFFICE OF VITAL STATISTICS
ATTN: Records Amendment Section
P.O. BOX 210
Jacksonville, FL 32231-0042

REQUIREMENT FOR ORDERING: If applicant is self, parent, legal guardian or legal representative, the applicant must provide a completed application along with valid photo identification, if a mail request, a copy of the valid photo identification must be provided. If legal guardian, a copy of the appointment orders must be included with the request. If legal representative, the attorney bar number, and a notation of whom the attorney represents and that person's relationship to the registrant must be included with your request. If you are an agent of local, state or federal agency requesting a record, indicate in the space provided for "relationship" the name of the agency. Acceptable forms of identification are the following: **Driver's License**, **State Identification Card**, **Passport** and/or **Military Identification Card**.

If not one of the above, you must complete this application and have a notarized Affidavit to Release A Birth Certificate (DH 1958, 2/03) submitted with your application for the birth record along with a copy of the *registrant's* valid photo identification as well as the *applicant's* valid photo identification.

RELATIONSHIP TO REGISTRANT: A person ordering his or her own certificate should enter "SELF" in this space. Also, explain if name has been changed; married name, name changed legally (when and where), etc. Others must identify themselves clearly as eligible (see ELIGIBILITY above).

NONREFUNDABLE: Vital record fees are nonrefundable.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: Is required, as well as his/her printed name, residence address and telephone number.

**IF THE CERTIFICATION IS TO BE MAILED TO ANOTHER PERSON OR ADDRESS,
USE THE SPACES BELOW TO SPECIFY SHIP TO NAME AND ADDRESS.**

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

SHIP TO NAME:

FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST	SUFFIX
HOME PHONE NUMBER		SHIP TO STREET ADDRESS (AND APT.)	
WORK PHONE NUMBER		CITY	STATE ZIP

PLEASE VISIT THE OFFICE OF VITAL STATISTICS WEBSITE
www.floridahealth.gov