

Ordering a Certified Copy of Fetal Death

To receive a certificate, you must:

- Sign the completed form.
- Include the payment for your order.
- Include a copy of your current ID (words must be legible and photo must be clear).
Tip: take a photo of your ID and print it instead of using a copy machine.
Visit bit.ly/OR-Eligibility for a list of acceptable ID.
- Be eligible to receive the certificate and, if necessary, provide proof of eligibility.
Those eligible to receive a Certified Copy of Fetal Death: Parent, Legal guardian, Legal representative of a parent, Sibling, Grandparent, Authorized representative, Person in charge of disposition, Government agency acting in the conduct of its official duties, or Employee or agent of a funeral home or person acting as a funeral service practitioner who is named in the record of fetal death.
Visit bit.ly/OR-Eligibility for a list of who is eligible and information on required documents.

The Certified Copy of Fetal Death is a legal document and is printed on security paper.

Note: In order for this certificate to be issued, a fetal death record must have been registered with Oregon Vital Records.

Oregon law requires the filing of a fetal death record when fetal death occurs after the fetus reaches 350 grams or 20 completed weeks of gestation. [ORS 432.143](http://ORS.432.143)

Helpful Hints for Completing the Form:

- If possible, type in the answers before printing the form. If completing by hand, print clearly.
- Provide all names in their complete and legal form. Do not shorten the names or use initials unless they match what is on the record.
 - Example: Thomas Example Smith -NOT- Tom E. Smith
- *Mother/Parent A's legal name at birth/prior to first marriage* is also known as maiden name. This is the name of the parent at THEIR birth, not at the delivery of the child.
- Make sure you include how many certificates you would like to order. (top of the form)

See the Eligibility to Order Vital Records web page for more information: bit.ly/OR-Eligibility

 **Please do not staple any documents or checks to the order form.** (11/24)



Oregon Certified Copy of Fetal Death Order Form

Certified Copy of Fetal Death

-Available for fetal deaths from 1919 - Present
-Legal document

How many? -\$25 for each certificate

1. Full name of child: (first) (middle) (last)		
2. Date of delivery: (mm/dd/yyyy)	3. Sex:	4. Place of delivery: (city) (county) Oregon
5. Mother/Parent A's legal name at their birth/prior to first marriage: (first) (middle) (last name at mother's/parent A's birth)		
6. Father/Parent B's legal name at their birth/prior to first marriage: (first) (middle) (last name at father's/parent B's birth)		
7. Your relationship to child named in line 1: <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Grandparent <input type="checkbox"/> Sibling <input type="checkbox"/> Government Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Legal representative of parent <input type="checkbox"/> Legal guardian <input type="checkbox"/> Person in charge of disposition <input type="checkbox"/> Funeral home staff named in record <input type="checkbox"/> Authorized representative		
8. Reason for needing certificate:		
9. Daytime phone number:	10. Email:	
11. Name of person ordering:		
12. If mailing to someone other than yourself: (name of other person, company, or organization)		
13. Mailing address: (street address or PO box)		} Certificates will be shipped to this address.
14. Mailing City/State/ZIP:		
15. <input type="checkbox"/> Person ordering: Include legible copy of current, valid photo ID. See page 2 for alternative ID Options. Include additional eligibility documents (if needed.) Visit bit.ly/OR-Eligibility for more information.		
16. Required signature of person ordering:		

Warning: Providing false information is a felony under [ORS 432.993](#).

Certified Copies of Records of Fetal Death are restricted for 50 years after the date of the fetal death. The people listed in number 7 (above) are eligible to receive a fetal death certificate ([ORS 432.380](#)). If you are not eligible, enclose a written permission note with a notarized signature from someone who is eligible. See bit.ly/OR-Eligibility for more details about eligibility and for a template for a notarized permission form.

\$25 fee for the initial record search includes one certificate. Each additional copy is also \$25.

The fee is non-refundable once the search for the record has been completed. ([Oregon Administrative Rule OAR 333-011-0340\(1\)](#)).

**Make checks/money orders payable to:
OHA/Vital Records
Payments must be in U.S. Dollars
Please Do Not Send Cash**

Mail to: Oregon Vital Records PO Box 14050 Portland OR 97293-0050	Drop Box Location: 800 NE Oregon ST Portland OR 97232
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A penalty, not to exceed \$35, may be assessed for Non-Sufficient Funds checks per [ORS 30.701\(5\)](#).

See page 2 of form for additional information.

You can get this document in other languages, large print, braille or a format your prefer. Contact 971-673-1190 (voice), email CHS.VitalRecords@oha.oregon.gov or fax 971-673-1203. We accept all relay calls or you can dial 711.

When ordering a certificate, applicants must provide proof of their identity and may need to provide additional documents to prove their eligibility.

Visit bit.ly/OR-Eligibility or call 971-673-1190 for more information.

Alternative identification you can send with your mail or drop box order:

If you don't have a valid driver's license, ID card or passport, send photocopies of three (3) different documents that include your name. At least one document must list your current address. Suggested documents are listed below.

Documents such as the following must have current mailing address and can be no more than 30 days old:

- Utility bill (for example, telephone, gas, electric, water, garbage removal) or other bill
- Insurance statement, medical statement or paycheck stub

Other documents such as the following may be used, but may not be expired:

- Court or parole documents
- Valid work ID, unemployment statement, food stamp or other benefit cards (copy both sides)
- Permit for firearms, fishing, hunting or other license
- Vehicle registration, title or insurance statement

For a full list of documents, go to bit.ly/OR-Eligibility.

If you have no ID or other documents, a person who is eligible to receive the certificate may order on your behalf. Certificates may also be released to a legal representative of a family member or sent directly to a government agency.

How long does it take to receive this certificate? Processing times vary depending on workload. Visit the Order a Certificate menu of our website at www.HealthOregon.org/chs or call 971-673-1190 for the latest processing times. The following scenarios may also cause delays: 1) Missing payment 2) Missing ID 3) Missing information 4) An amendment is being processed 5) The record is not on file.

We recommend that orders for Certified Copies of Fetal Death be placed by mail, drop box, or in person. There is no option to order this certificate on the web or by telephone.

Order in person and receive the certificate within 30 - 60 minutes (orders that require additional searches could take multiple days to process). Ordering in person requires an appointment and has additional fees. Fees are not refundable after orders are submitted.

Visit www.HealthOregon.org/chs for more details.

State Vital Records Office: 800 NE Oregon Street, Suite 205, Portland, OR 97232

Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time, Monday through Friday excluding holidays. The final appointment of the day is 3:30 p.m.