

Birth, Death and Marriage Records

About Vital Records

Vital Records are birth, death, marriage, and civil union documents. They are legal documents that contain information about the vital events of people in our society. Certified copies of vital records are used for many purposes, such as to establish proof of age, receive social security benefits, and receive death benefits from life insurance policies.

What You Should Do

- Know how to apply for a [copy of a birth, death, marriage, or civil union record](#) or a [marriage/civil union license](#).
- Gather all [required identification](#).
- Provide [appropriate payment](#).
- In the event of an error on a vital record, contact the [State Office of Vital Records](#) for information on record corrections and required documentation.