



Colorado Death Certificate Request

Vital Records Section HSVR-VR-A1
4300 Cherry Creek Drive South
Denver, CO 80246-1530
www.colorado.gov/cdphe/vitalrecords
Email: vital.records@state.co.us
Phone: (303) 692-2200

Phone Orders: 1-866-300-8540
Online Orders: www.vitalchek.com
Phone/Online Follow-Up:
1-866-632-2604

Apply in person for same-day services
Walk-in Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 - 4:30
Correction Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 - 3:30

This office has death certificates for the entire state since 1900. Death certificates are also available in the county Vital Records office where the death occurred. Death certificates are considered public record after 75 years.



- Requirements:
This request must be completed in full.
Enclose a copy of a current driver's license, passport or State identification.
Enclose appropriate fees.
Person requesting to receive death certificate must sign below.
Proof of relationship or legal interested is required.

Requestor Information

Form with fields for: Print name of person making request (First, Middle, Last, Email), Mailing Address (City, State, Zip, Daytime Phone), Physical Address (City, State, Zip, Alt Phone Number), Relationship to deceased (Parent, Spouse, Grandparent, Sibling, Child, Funeral Director, Legal Representative, Other), Reason for Request (Insurance, Social Security, Property, Genealogy, Other).

Deceased Information

Check here if you are requesting a certificate of stillbirth

Form with fields for: Full Name of deceased (First, Middle, Last), Date of death* (Month, Day, Year), Date of birth or age at death (optional), State of birth (optional), Place of death (City, County, State - Colorado ONLY).

Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes, 1982, 25-2-118 and as defined by Colorado Board of Health Rules and Regulations, applicant must have a direct and tangible interest in the record requested. The penalties for obtaining a record under false pretenses include a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year or both such fine and imprisonment (CRS 25-2-118).

By signing below, I have read and understand that there are penalties for obtaining a record under false pretenses. Today's date



Ways to Order:

- Order certificates online at www.vitalchek.com
Mail in application with check, money order, or credit card information.
Apply in person for same-day service.

**Credit card orders: (\$10.00 convenience charge to be added)

Card Type: VISA MasterCard Discover American Express

Cardholder name:

Cardholder signature:

Card Number:

Expiration Date:

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Charges: (FEES NON-REFUNDABLE)

Charges form including: Search fee where date of death is unknown, Cost of death certificate, Verification of death, Standard death certificate, Legal death certificate, Verification of death, \$10.00 credit card convenience charge, Shipping method options, and TOTAL CHARGES.

Death certificates may issued to:

Document(s) needed to prove relationship:

Current spouse	Must be listed on death certificate.
Ex-spouse	Must present proof of direct & tangible interest (i.e. Social Security record, insurance policy).
Parent	Must be listed on death certificate.
Stepparent	Marriage certificate proving relationship to a parent that is listed on death certificate.
Grandparents/Great grandparents	Birth certificate(s) proving relationship required (cannot accept baptisms, hospital records or school records, unless the customer presents a letter from the state of birth stating no record of birth was found).
Siblings/Half siblings	Birth certificate showing at least one same parent required (cannot accept baptisms, hospital records or school records, unless the customer presents a letter from the state of birth stating no record of birth was found).
Children/Grandchildren/Great grandchildren	Birth certificate(s) showing relationship is required (cannot accept baptisms, hospital records or school records, unless the customer presents a letter from the state of birth stating no record of birth was found).
Step-Children	Marriage certificate & birth certificate proving relationship required.
Legal representative/Paralegals	Proof of client relationship required as well as proof of the client's relationship to the registrant.
Opposing counsel	Certificate will be mailed to court w/ motion to seal "confidential record." Name, address and case number of the court required.
Genealogists	Notarized signed release from immediate family member required as well as proof of the family member's relationship. Certificate marked "For Genealogical Use Only."
In-laws/aunts/uncles/nephews/nieces/ cousins	For death certificate 25 years or younger- Must present proof of direct & tangible interest (i.e. insurance policy, personal will, etc.). For death certificates over 25 years- Must present proof of relationship (a family tree would be acceptable for this case) Death certificate marked "For Genealogical Use Only."
Probate Researchers	Proof of direct & tangible interest required.
Creditors	Proof of direct & tangible interest required.
Employer	Proof of direct & tangible interest required.
Beneficiaries	Proof of direct & tangible interest required (i.e. letter on insurance company/ pension company letterhead that clearly states the applicant is a beneficiary or is eligible to file a claim).
Insurance companies	Proof of direct & tangible interest required (Insurance policy).
Hospital/Nursing home/Hospice/Physician	Proof of patient relationship required.
Funeral Directors	Must be listed on death certificate.
Informant	Must be listed on death certificate.
Others who may demonstrate a direct and tangible interest when information is needed for determination or protection of a personal or property right	Proof of direct & tangible interest required.

NOTE: Death certificates in Colorado become public record after 75 years, therefore, no proof of relationship or legal interest is required for these certificates.