

Virginia statutes require a fee of \$12.00 be charged for each certification of a vital record or for a search of the files when no certification is made. Please make check or money order payable to State Health Department. There is a \$50.00 service charge for returned checks.

IMPORTANT: The person requesting the vital record must submit an enlarged, legible (readable) and clear photocopy of their identification.

Form containing sections: REQUESTER INFORMATION, BIRTH CERTIFICATE INFORMATION, and SIGNATURE OF REQUESTER. Includes fields for name, email, address, relationship, and birth details.

Submit one (1) document from the primary list OR two (2) documents from the secondary list. The State Registrar reserves the right (§32.1-271C) to accept or deny any application submitted.

Table with 2 columns: ID and Description. Lists 22 acceptable primary identification documents such as Driver's License, Passport, and Birth Certificate.

Form for mailing address: NAME, ADDRESS, CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE.

Send Completed Application To: Office of Vital Records, P. O. Box 1000, Richmond, VA 23218-1000. Contact Information: (804) 662-6200, www.vdh.virginia.gov/vital-records/

ACCEPTABLE SECONDARY IDENTIFICATION LIST

23.	U.S. Selective Service Card	24.	U.S. Military Discharge Papers (form DD214)
25.	Certified School Records/Transcript issued by a U.S. state or territory	26.	Certificate of Enrollment issued by Virginia Department of Education
27.	Life insurance policy	28.	Health care insurance card – (i.e. Medicare Card, Medicaid Card)
29.	Unexpired Welfare/Social Services identification card with photo issued by municipality	30.	State issued driver’s license or learner’s/instruction permit with photo; expired not more than 5 years
31.	State issued photo identification card - expired not more than 5 years	32.	U.S. Passport or passport card - expired not more than 5 years
33.	Unexpired Military Dependent I.D. card with photo	34.	Foreign Passport - expired not more than 5 years with a U.S. VISA
35.	Unexpired weapon or gun permit issued by federal, state or municipal government	36.	Unexpired pilot license
37.	Veteran’s Universal Access Identification Card	38.	INS form I-797 (applicable only for the individual whose name appears on the form)
39.	USCIS student or dependent SEVIS I-20 with or without USCIS stamp (Applicant’s name must appear on the form)	40.	U.S. Department of State form DS-2019 (Applicant’s name must appear on the form)

Definition of Certificate Types

Birth Certificate (Short Form): Standard Birth Certificate needed in a vast majority of situations. An abstract of the Certificate of Live Birth. Accepted by all local, state and federal agencies including passport and social security offices. Also accepted by schools, social and civic organizations.

Certificate of Foreign Birth: A birth certificate established for a child born in a foreign country and adopted by parents who were Virginia residents at the time of the adoption.

Delayed Birth Registration Certificate: A birth certificate established for an individual who birth certificate was not recorded at the time of birth.

Special Use Birth Certificate (Long Form): Very limited necessity. This type of request will experience increased processing times. An image copy of the Certificate of Live Birth received from the hospital, birthing facilities or midwife. Commonly requested for Dual Citizenship applications and special genealogy needs.

Amendment Guidance

Most items (misspelling of the name of the registrant and/or parents, incorrect date and/or place of birth, incorrect ages of parents, incorrect sex of registrant, etc.) on a birth certificate can be corrected either administratively or judicially. There are several provisions outlined in the Code of Virginia and the Regulations Governing Vital Records detailing how a birth certificate can be amended. To properly advise, the Office of Vital Records must review the birth certificate and work cooperatively with the customer.

Amendment Type	Amendment Code	Comments	Who can initiate the change	Needed Documents
Establishment of a post-adoption birth certificate	ADP	To establish a birth certificate for a Virginia born child that has been adopted.	Registrant (if legal age) Adoptive Parents Legal Representative	Final Order of Adoption and Report of Adoption form certified by the Court that finalized the adoption. Application and/or written request, \$10 Administrative Fee, Certification Fee (\$12 per copy) and Requester's ID.
Establishment of Certificate of Foreign Birth	CFB	To establish a birth certificate for a child born in a foreign country and adopted by parents who were Virginia residents at the time of the adoption.	Registrant (if legal age) Adoptive Parents Legal Representative	If the child was re-adopted in Virginia, a certified copy of the Report of Adoption form is needed. If the child was not re-adopted in Virginia a certified copy of the Foreign Adoption Order, a certified copy of the translated Final Order of Adoption in English, Home Study report, copy of the adopted child’s United States Passport that shows the Immigrant Visa, proof of Virginia residency for the adoptive parent(s) at the time of adoption. Application and/or written request, \$10 Administrative Fee, Certification Fee (\$12 per copy) and Requester's ID.
Amending inaccuracies on a birth certificate	AMD	There are several provisions outlined in the Code of Virginia and the Regulations Governing Vital Records detailing how a birth certificate can be amended. To properly advise, the Office of Vital Records must review the birth certificate.	Registrant (if legal age) Immediate Family Legal Representative	A written request detailing the item to be amended on the birth certificate, \$12 fee and requester's ID. The written request should also include the name of the registrant and date and place of birth, parent name as it appears on the birth certificate.
Change of Gender	COG	Amending the gender on the birth certificate for an individual whose gender has changed based on clinically appropriate treatment.	Registrant (if legal age) Parents Legal Representative	Changing Sex Designation (VS42) form completed by the health care provider from whom the person received clinically appropriate treatment for gender transition. Application and/or written request, \$10 Administrative Fee, Certification Fee (\$12 per copy) and Requester's ID.
Paternity Establishment - Acknowledgement of Paternity (AOP) form	AOP	The Acknowledge of Paternity form is used to establish the paternity of a child born out-of-wedlock. If another father's name appears on the birth certificate or the mother was married at the time of the child's birth or 10 months prior to the child's birth, the paternity form cannot be used.	Registrant (if legal age) Parents Legal Representative	Properly completed Acknowledgement of Paternity form. Application and/or written request, \$10 Administrative Fee, Certification Fee (\$12 per copy) and Requester's ID.
Paternity Establishment - Court Determination of Paternity	CDT	The paternity of the child has been established by a Court in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Paternity orders granted by states other than Virginia must be domesticated through a Virginia court.	Registrant (if legal age) Parents Legal Representative	Certified copy of the Virginia Order Determining Paternity. Application and/or written request, \$10 Administrative Fee, Certification Fee (\$12 per copy) and Requester's ID.
Paternity Establishment - Genetic Test Results (DNA)	DNA	The child's paternity has been established based on genetic test result (DNA). The laboratory determining paternity must be an AABB approved laboratory.	Registrant (if legal age) Parents Legal Representative	Certified copy of the Genetic Test Results, Voluntary Consent Form signed and notarized by father. Application and/or written request, \$10 Administrative Fee, Certification Fee (\$12 per copy) and Requester's ID.
Surrogacy Contract	SUR	Is an agreement between intended parents, a surrogate, and her husband, if any, in which the surrogate agrees to be impregnated through the use of assisted conception, to carry any resulting fetus, and to relinquish to the intended parents the custody of and parental rights to any resulting child.	Intended Parents Legal Representative	Surrogacy Consent forms. Application and/or written request, \$10 Administrative Fee, Certification Fee (\$12 per copy) and Requester's ID.
Court Ordered Changes	JCO	Court order authorizing the Office of Vital Records to amend a specific item(s) on a vital record.	Registrant (if legal age) Immediate Family Legal Representative	Requires a certified copy of the Court Order, Copy of the petition. Application and/or written request, \$10 Administrative Fee, Certification Fee (\$12 per copy) and Requester's ID.