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HOW TO OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF STILL BIRTH

General Information

- As of January 1, 2008, ONLY a parent (mother/and or father) can obtain a Certified Copy of Still Birth.
- The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Vital Records Office, upon request of the parent, will issue a certified copy of a Certificate of Still Birth. An application and fee must be submitted at the time of the request.
- Applications must be filed in person at the downtown headquarters office: 313 N. Figueroa St., Room L-1, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Applications are available at the counter or on this website: www.lapublichealth.org/dca.
- The Certificate of Still Birth does not replace the Certificate of Fetal Death.

Time frame for obtaining a Certificate of Still Birth

- The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health only archives fetal death records for ONE year prior to the date of death recorded on the Certificate of Fetal Death and will only process applications for still births in that time frame.
- Any application for a Certificate of Still Birth with a fetal death occurring more than one year prior must be sent to the State of California, Office of Vital Records. A pamphlet and applications are also available on the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's website: www.lapublichealth.org/dca.

Fees

- The cost for a certified copy of a Certificate of Still Birth is \$20.
- Fees are nonrefundable (per state law).
- Fees are established in the California Health and Safety Code 103040.
- Free copies are only available to: 1) district attorneys for child support enforcement, 2) veterans for the sole purpose of establishing military benefits, and 3) victims of crime in connection with a claim under the Victims of Crime Act.
- Fees can be paid by cash or check to the *County of Los Angeles, Dept of Public Health* at the time of submitting the application.
- If obtaining a Certificate of Still Birth from the State of California, Office of Vital Records, please follow the instructions on the corresponding application.