

How to Obtain a Certificate of Still Birth

General Information

- ONLY a parent(s) can obtain a Certified Copy of Still Birth.
- Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Vital Records Office, upon request of the parent(s), will issue a certified copy of a Certificate of Still Birth. An application and fee must be submitted at the time of the request.
- Application must be filed in person at the downtown headquarters office and is available at the counter or on the Data Collection & Analysis Unit website:
Vital Records Office
313 N. Figueroa Street, Room Lobby-1, Los Angeles, CA 90012
(213) 288-7816
<http://www.ph.lacounty.gov/dca/dcastillbirth.htm>
- Certificate of Still Birth does not replace the Certificate of Fetal Death.

Time Frame for obtaining a Certificate of Still Birth

- 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.
- Application for a Certificate of Still Birth with a fetal death occurring more than one year must be sent to the State of California, Office of Vital Records. A pamphlet and applications are also available on the Data Collection & Analysis Unit website:
<http://www.ph.lacounty.gov/dca/dcastillbirth.htm>

Fees

- Non-refundable fee of \$20.00 per copy of a Certificate of Still Birth is charged (California Health and Safety Code 103040).
- Free copies are only available to:
 - ✓ District attorneys for child support enforcement
 - ✓ Veterans for the sole purpose of establishing military benefits
 - ✓ Victims of crime in connection with a claim under the Victims of Crime Act
- Types of payment accepted at the time of submitting the application:
 - ✓ Cash, Check, Credit/ATM, or Money Order
- Make checks payable to:
 - ✓ *County of Los Angeles, Dept. of Public Health*
- If submitting to the California Department of Public Health Office of Vital Records, please follow the instructions on the corresponding application available on the Data Collection & Analysis Unit website.