

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF DEATH RECORD
PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3 BEFORE COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION

California law (Health and Safety Code Section 103526), permits only authorized individuals as listed on the application to receive certified copies of death records. Those who are not authorized by law to receive an authorized certified copy will receive a certified informational copy with the legend, **"INFORMATIONAL, NOT A VALID DOCUMENT TO ESTABLISH IDENTITY."**

Please indicate the type of certified copy you are requesting:

- I am requesting a Certified **AUTHORIZED** copy I am requesting a Certified **INFORMATIONAL** copy

NOTE: Both documents are certified copies of the original document on file with the Contra Costa County Vital Registration Office, with the exception of the legend and redaction of signatures and Social Security Number, the documents contain the same information.

To receive an AUTHORIZED copy, you MUST INDICATE YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE REGISTRANT below. To receive a certified copy, the applicant must sign a sworn statement that he or she is authorized to receive the certified copy. The Sworn Statement MUST BE NOTARIZED unless you are a member of a law enforcement agency or representative of a state or local government agency.

RELATIONSHIP:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse/Registered Domestic Partner of Registrant | <input type="checkbox"/> Child / Sibling of Registrant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Legal Guardian of Registrant (LG must provide documentation.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Grandparent/Grandchild of Registrant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Surviving Next of Kin (As specified in HSC§ 7100) | <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney Representing Registrant or Registrant's Estate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement/Govt Agency (Conducting Official Business) | <input type="checkbox"/> Authorized by Court Order (include copy of court order) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney/Executor of the Registrant's Estate (include copy of Power of Attorney or documentation identifying you as Executor.) | |

APPLICANT INFORMATION (Clearly Print)

Today's Date:	Phone:	Email:
Name of Person Requesting Record:		
Mailing Address: Number, Street & Apt#		
City:	State:	Zip Code:

DEATH RECORD INFORMATION (Clearly Print)

FIRST Name	MIDDLE Name	LAST Name
Date of Death: MM/DD/YYYY		Mother's Maiden Name / AKA???
City of Death	County of Death CONTRA COSTA	
FEE: \$25.00 PER COPY (PAYABLE TO VITAL REGISTRATION) Quantity: _____ x \$25.00 = Total _____		Submit Check or Money Order – Do NOT Send Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check/Money Order Enclosed <input type="checkbox"/> Notarized Sworn Statement Enclosed
In Person Only: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Credit/Debit Card + \$2.50 Processing Fee		

VITAL REGISTRATION OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Processed	ID Type	ID#	Banknote Serial #	Staff Initial	LFN
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SWORN STATEMENT**

I, _____, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of
(Applicant's Printed Name)
California, that I am an authorized person, as defined in California Health and Safety Code 103526(c), and am eligible
to receive a certified copy of the death certificate of the following individual(s):

Name of Person Listed on Certificate	Applicant's Relationship to Person Listed on Certificate

(The remaining information must be completed in the presence of a Notary Public or Vital Registration staff.)

Subscribed to this _____ day of _____, 20____ at _____, _____.
(Day) (Month) (Year) (City) (State)

(Applicant's Signature)

Note: If submitting your order by mail or online, you must have your Sworn Statement notarized using the Certificate of Acknowledgment below. The Certificate of Acknowledgment must be completed by a Notary Public. (Law enforcement and local and state governmental agencies are exempt from the notary requirement.) Only one sworn statement is required for multiple records. If you are submitting in person you only need valid government ID, no notary.

CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document, to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of _____)

County of _____)

On _____ before me, _____,
(Date) (Insert name and title of the officer)

Personally appeared _____ who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument. I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct

WITNESS my hand and official seal.
(SEAL)

SIGNATURE OF NOTARY PUBLIC

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HOW TO OBTAIN A DEATH CERTIFICATE

This application form may ONLY be used to obtain death certificates that occurred in Contra Costa County in 2020 or 2021.

For deaths prior to 2020 you need to contact the Clerk-Recorder's Office at 555 Escobar Street, Martinez, CA 94553. 925-335-7900.

Instructions:

1. ONLY individuals who are authorized by Health and Safety Code Section 103526 can obtain a Certified Copy of a Death Record. Page 1 identifies the individuals who are authorized to make the request. All others may receive a Certified Informational Copy which will be marked, "Informational, Not a Valid Document to Establish Identity."
2. SWORN STATEMENT:
 - The authorized individual requesting the certified copy must sign the attached Sworn Statement, declaring under penalty of perjury that they are eligible to receive the certified copy of the death record, and identify their relationship to the registrant (person listed on the certificate) the relationship must be one that is identified on Page 1.
 - If the application is being submitted by mail or online, the Sworn Statement must be notarized by a Notary Public. (To find a Notary Public, see your local yellow pages or call your banking institution.) Law enforcement, local and state governmental agencies are exempt from the notary requirement.
 - A Sworn Statement notarized by a foreign notary must have an apostille attached. An apostille is a certificate that authenticates a document for use in another country. Foreign notarizations obtained from an Ambassador, Minister, Consul, Vice Consul or Consular Agent of the United States, or from a Judge of Court or record having a seal in a foreign country do not require an apostille.
 - You do not have to provide a Sworn Statement if you are requesting a Certified Informational Copy of the death record.
3. Submit \$25 for each copy requested. If no death record is found, the fee will be retained for searching for the record (as required by law) and a "Certificate of No Public Record" will be issued to the applicant. Indicate the number of copies you want and include the correct fees in the form of a personal check or postal/bank money order (International Money Order for out-of-country requests) made payable to Vital Registration. DO NOT SEND CASH. (VR cannot be held responsible for fees paid in cash that are lost, misdirected, or undelivered.)

You may obtain a death certificate one of three ways:

- 1) In Person:** Complete the application & bring it to the office with valid government issued Identification & appropriate fees. If the certificate has already been received & registered, you will receive it immediately. If it has not been submitted & registered yet, we will mail it to you as soon as it is available.
- 2) By Mail:** Complete the application, have it notarized and mail it to the office. We process all orders when received and mail back out the following business day.
- 3) Online:** Go to www.vitalchek.com. You can submit your order and pay online. You will need to upload/attach the sworn statement after you have it notarized. Orders are processed the next business day. You may also request expedited UPS shipping online.