

**MARK A. LUNN**  
**VENTURA COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER, REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**  
**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF BIRTH RECORD**

In an attempt to stop the illegal use of vital records, and as part of statewide efforts to reduce identity theft, a new law (effective July 1, 2003) changed the way certified copies of birth certificates are issued. **Certified Copies** to establish the identity of a registrant can be issued only to authorized individuals, as indicated below. All others will be issued **Certified Informational Copies** that are not valid to establish identity.

Fees: \$29.00 per copy (payable to the Ventura County Clerk and Recorder).

Please indicate the type of certified copy you are requesting:

<input type="checkbox"/> I would like a <b>Certified Copy</b> . This copy will establish the identity of the registrant. (To receive a Certified Copy you <b>must</b> indicate your relationship to the registrant by selecting from the list below <b>AND</b> complete the attached Sworn Statement declaring that you are eligible to receive the Certified Copy. Your signature on the Sworn Statement must be acknowledged by a Notary Public if the application is submitted by mail or fax.)	<input type="checkbox"/> I would like a <b>Certified Informational Copy</b> . This document will be printed with a legend on the face of the document that states, " <b>INFORMATIONAL, NOT A VALID DOCUMENT TO ESTABLISH IDENTITY.</b> " (A sworn statement does not need to be provided.)
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- Identification of applicant verified                       Applicant had no identification

To receive a **Certified Copy** I am:

- The registrant (person listed on the certificate) or a parent or legal guardian of the registrant.
- A party entitled to receive the record as a result of a court order, or an attorney or a licensed adoption agency seeking the birth record in order to comply with the requirements of Section 3140 or 7603 of the Family Code.
- A member of a law enforcement agency or a representative of another governmental agency, as provided by law, who is conducting official business. (*Companies representing a government agency must provide authorization from the government agency.*)
- A child, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner of the registrant.
- An attorney representing the registrant or the registrant's estate, or any person or agency empowered by statute or appointed by a court to act on behalf of the registrant or the registrant's estate. (*If you are requesting a Certified Copy under a power of attorney, please include a copy of the power of attorney with this application form.*)

**DO NOT complete the rest of this form before reading the detailed instructions on Page 3.**

**APPLICANT INFORMATION** (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

Printed Name <b>and Signature</b> of Person Completing Application		Today's Date	Telephone Number – Area Code First ( )	
Address – Number, Street	City		State	ZIP Code
Name of Person Receiving Copies, if Different From Above	No. of Copies	Amount Enclosed	Purpose of Request	
Mailing Address for Copies, If Different From Above	City		State	ZIP Code

**BIRTH CERTIFICATE INFORMATION** (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

Name on Certificate – First Name	Name on Certificate – Middle Name	Name on Certificate – Last Name
City or Town of Birth		Place of Birth – County
Date of Birth – Month, Day, Year (If unknown, enter approximate date of birth)		Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male
Name on Certificate – Father/Parent First Name	Name on Certificate – Father/Parent Middle Name	Name on Certificate – Father/Parent Last Name
Name on Certificate – Mother/Parent First Name	Name on Certificate – Mother/Parent Middle Name	Name on Certificate – Mother/Parent Maiden Name

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## INSTRUCTIONS:

1. As of July 1, 2003, **ONLY** individuals who are authorized by Health and Safety Code Section 103526 can obtain a Certified Copy of a Birth Record to establish identity of the registrant. (Page 1 of the application 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. Complete a separate application form for each birth requested. (When requesting certificates for different individuals)
3. Complete the **Applicant Information** section on the first page of this form and provide your signature where indicated. Provide all the information you have available to identify the record of the registrant under **Birth Certificate Information**. If the information you furnish is incomplete or inaccurate, it may be impossible to locate the record. **If the registrant has been adopted, please make the request in the adopted name.**
4. 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 birth record and identify their relationship to the registrant.
  - If the application is being submitted by mail, your signature on the Sworn Statement **must be** acknowledged by a Notary Public. (To locate a Notary Public, see your local yellow pages or call your banking institution.)
  - Any member of a law enforcement agency or a representative of a state or local government agency, as provided by law, who orders a copy of a record to which subdivision (a) applies in conducting official business is required to complete the Sworn Statement, however, they may not be required to have their signature on the Sworn Statement acknowledged by a Notary Public.
  - If the application is being submitted in person at the County Clerk and Recorders Office, the Sworn Statement **must be signed by you in the presence of the County Clerk and Recorder staff, and your signature does not have to be acknowledged by a Notary Public.** A Sworn Statement does not need to be provided if you are requesting a Certified Informational Copy of the birth record.
5. Submit \$29.00 for **each** certified copy requested. If no record of the birth is found, the \$29.00 fee will be retained for searching the record (as required by law) and a Certificate of No Record will be issued to the applicant. Indicate the number of certified copies you wish and include the correct fee(s) in the form of a personal check, postal or bank money order (International Money Order for out-of-country requests) made payable to the **Ventura County Clerk and Recorder**. Mail this application with the fee(s) and a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

**MARK A. LUNN**  
Ventura County Clerk-Recorder, Registrar of Voters  
800 S. Victoria Ave  
Ventura, CA 93009-1260  
Website: [recorder.countyofventura.org](http://recorder.countyofventura.org)  
Telephone number (805) 654-2295 Fax (805) 662-6543
6. Credit card orders may be processed on-line at [www.vitalchek.com](http://www.vitalchek.com) Additional costs apply for processing orders using a credit card. Please follow the directions on Vitalcheks website if ordering using a credit card.

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