

# **Birth Certificates**

# How to Get a Maryland Birth Certificate

Requests for certified Maryland birth certificates may be made at the Hyattsville location on a walk-in basis **only** for births that occurred in Maryland after 1940.

Certificates for births that occurred prior to 1940 can be obtained from the Division of Vital Records, 6764-B Reistertown Road Baltimore, MD 21215. Call (410) 764-3038. or Visit: www.vsa.maryland.gov.

#### Who Can Request a Birth Certificate

You may obtain a Maryland Birth Certificate if you are:

- Person requesting his or her birth certificate
- Parent(s) whose name is on the birth certificate
- Guardian with court certified documents showing legal permanent custody
- Person with a notarized letter of authorization from the requestor

#### **Identification Required**

For same day service, applicants are required to present a valid, government-issued photo identification that includes an expiration date. i.e. (Pass port, drivers or non-driver's license). Applicants who are unable to supply this type of identification must present two different items from the following list. At least one of these documents must contain the applicant's current mailing address. Applicants who cannot provide valid photo identification will not receive the birth certificate the same day. The certificate will be mailed to the address displayed on the documents provided.

- Pay stub
- Current vehicle registration
- Bank statement
- Letter from a government agency requesting a vital record
- Lease/rental agreement
- Utility bill with current address
- Income tax return or W-2 form.

Fee

There is a \$25 fee per certificate. Cash, money orders, credit or debit cards (Visa, Discover, MasterCard) are accepted as payment.

A \$2.50 service fee applies to credit/debit card transactions.

## Hours

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(Except Holidays) Mondays – Fridays 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

#### Phone

(301) 324-2940

## To Correct, Change or Add Name

Please call the State of Maryland, Division of Vital Records

(410) 764-3067, (410) 764-3090, (410) 764-3063