

Changes to getting copies of

VERMONT BIRTH & DEATH CERTIFICATES

**Effective
July 1, 2019**

Act 46 (2017) enhances the security of birth and death certificates, provides better protection against misuse of these legal documents, and reduces the risk of identity theft.

What you need to know:

- ⇒ Only family members, legal guardians, certain court-appointed parties or their legal representatives can apply for a certified copy of a birth or death certificate. For death certificates, a funeral home or crematorium may also apply for a certified copy.
- ⇒ Applicants must provide valid identification when applying for a certified copy of a birth or death certificate.
- ⇒ Nothing will change when ordering copies of marriage, civil union, divorce or dissolution certificates.
- ⇒ **Where to apply for certified copies of birth or death certificates:**
 - Any Vermont Town or City Clerk's Office
 - Online at: secure.vermont.gov/VSARA/vitalrecords
 - Vermont State Archives and Records Administration (VSARA)
 - Vermont Department of Health Vital Records Office