

# APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF DEATH RECORD

Effective July 1, 2003, California Health and Safety Code Section 103526 changed the way certified copies of death 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: FREE - Fire related copy request.

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. The Sworn Statement must be notarized <b>if</b> the application is submitted by mail <b>unless you are a law enforcement or local or state governmental agency</b> .)	<input type="checkbox"/> I would like a <b>Certified Informational Copy</b> . This copy 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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**NOTE: Both documents are certified copies of the original document on file with our office. With the exception of the legend, the documents contain the exact same information.**

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

- A parent or legal guardian of the registrant (person listed on the certificate).
- A party entitled to receive the record as a result of a court order.
- 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.*)
- Any agent or employee of a funeral establishment who acts within the course and scope of his or her employment and who orders certified copies of a death certificate on behalf of an individual specified in paragraphs (1) to (5), inclusive, of subdivision (a) of Section 7100 of the Health and Safety Code.

## 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

## DECEDENT INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

Name of Decedent – <b>Last</b>		First	Middle	Sex
City of Death	County of Death		Date of Birth – MM/DD/CCYY	State of Birth
Date of Death – MM/DD/CCYY (Or Period of Years to be Searched)			Social Security Number	
Mother's <b>Maiden</b> Name		Name of Spouse – Husband or Wife of Decedent ( <b>Last</b> , First, Middle)		

**SWORN STATEMENT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California,  
 (Applicant’s Printed Name)

that I am an authorized person, as defined in California Health and Safety Code Section 103526 (c), and that I am a victim of the \_\_\_\_\_ wildfire and lost certified copies of vital records as a result. Pursuant to the Governor’s Declarations of Emergency, I am eligible to receive a free certified copy for the following individual(s):

Name of Person Listed on Certificate	Applicant’s Relationship to Person Listed on Certificate (Must Be a Relationship Listed on Page 1 of Application)

*(The remaining information must be completed in the presence of a Notary Public or Clerk-Recorder staff.)*

Subscribed to this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (Day) (Month) (City) (State)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Applicant’s Signature)

**Note: If submitting your order by mail, 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.)**

**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, \_\_\_\_\_, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_  
 (insert name and title of the officer)

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)

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 SIGNATURE OF NOTARY PUBLIC