



**DEATH CERTIFICATE APPLICATION FORM**

*Only records 5 years from the date of event (must have occurred in the City of Berkeley) will be issued.*

**FEE PER COPY IS \$23.00**

Select one option if requesting in person:  Pickup  
 \* Fees collected are **NON-REFUNDABLE**  Mail it to applicant

**Certified Copy**  
 You may establish identity with this type of copy  
 **Informational Copy.**  
 You may **NOT** establish identity with this type of copy

**1 DECEDENT INFORMATION (PRINT CLEARLY) BN#: LRN:**

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Date of Death
City of Death - <b>BERKELEY, CA</b> No refund if record not found	Gender	Additional Information to help in the search (optional)	No. of Copies

**2 APPLICANT INFORMATION (REQUESTOR)**

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	YOUR Relationship to the registrant?
Mailing Address (Number, Street)			Apt#/Unit Telephone Number ( )
City	State	Zip Code	Country (If outside of USA)

**3 SWORN STATEMENT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, swear under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that I am an authorized person, as defined in California Health and Safety Code Section 103526 (c), and am eligible to receive a certified copy of the record of the individual named above.

Sworn on (date): \_\_/\_\_/\_\_,  
MM DD YYYY

At the city of \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature) (Please wait to sign in front of a clerk)

**4 CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT (REQUIRED FOR INTERNET OR MAIL REQUESTS ONLY)**

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, \_\_\_\_\_ (Officer's name), 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.

**PLEASE USE INK SEAL**

**NOTARY USE ONLY**

NOTARY SIGNATURE

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**WHO MAY APPLY?**

- Any children of the registrant
- Parent or court assigned legal guardian of the registrant
- Grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner of the registrant.
- A party entitled to it as a result of a court order
- A Funeral Director on behalf of an individual specified in parag. (1) to (5), inclusive, of subdiv.(a) of Section 7100 of the HSC.
- A member of a law enforcement agency conducting official business.
- Governmental agency conducting official business.
- An attorney representing the registrant/the registrant's estate
- Any person or agency empowered by statute or appointed by a court to act on behalf of the registrant/the registrant's estate.
- Licensed adoption agency.

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**INSTRUCTIONS****In person:**

- Complete Items 1 through 3 (**wait to sign in the presence of a clerk**).
- Have your payment and ID ready when you get to the counter. **No refunds will be issued for events occurring outside of Berkeley.**

**By Mail:**

- Complete Items 1 through 4. **PLEASE NOTE: Item 3 must be signed in the presence of a Notary Public.**
- Notarize the application.
- Enclose the fee amount (do not mail cash). (You must send the fee for each certified copy requested).
- Mail the request to: **City of Berkeley – HHCS - PH Division - Office of Vital Stats, 1947 Center St, 2nd Fl, Berkeley, CA 94704**

**By Internet:**

- Visit [www.vitalchek.com](http://www.vitalchek.com) to place your order.
- Look for a confirmation email (Authorization Form attached) sent to you by VitalChek.com.
- Print/Complete the Authorization Form and have it notarized. (Ink seal only)
- Fax the Authorization Form to the number listed on the upper left corner of it.
- Within 2 to 3 weeks you will receive your order by the carrier you picked. (unless you selected expedite service, which is overnight)
- Just as a reminder: VitalChek charges a fee for their services. Please check their website for the current fee.

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Note: The City of Berkeley only maintains records for 5 years from the date of event. All other records need to be obtained from the Alameda County Clerk-Recorder's office.**

- If no record is found, the fee will be retained as required by statute and a "**Certificate of No Public Record**" will be issued.
- Processing time is **2-3 weeks** from the receiving date of your request.
- Use a separate application form for each individual.
- Only one notarized sworn statement is required when requesting multiple certificates at the same time. Simply list all the names on your sworn statement.
- Forms of payment accepted by mail:
  - Personal check (pre-printed by the bank with name and address)
  - Postal or bank money order (International Money Order only for out-of-country requests)
- Make checks/money orders payable to: **City of Berkeley.**

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**NOTICE**

**If you applied by mail and did not receive the requested certificate(s), you must file a claim with our office within 3 months of your original request. After 3 months, our office will not accept any claims of lost mail and you will have to submit another notarized request with the required fee.**

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**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Office of Vital Statistics  
[www.cityofberkeley.info/vitalstatistics/vitalrecords@ci.berkeley.ca.us](http://www.cityofberkeley.info/vitalstatistics/vitalrecords@ci.berkeley.ca.us)  
 Telephone: (510) 981-5320 - Fax: (510) 981-5315

PLEASE LEAVE THIS SPACE BLANK

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