

AUTHORIZED QUALIFIED PERSONS

There are two types of certificates available:

1. Authorized Certified Copy-Authorized Individuals Only Sworn Statement required.
2. Informational Certified Copy- All Other Individuals No sworn statement required.

Authorized Person

California Health and Safety Code, Section 103526, permits only “Authorized Individuals” to receive regular certified copies of birth or death records.

The law describes an Authorized Individuals as:

- 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 needing 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.
- A child, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner of the registrant.
- An attorney representing 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 the application form.
- A funeral director ordering certified copies of a death certificate on behalf of an individual specified in paragraphs (1) to (5), include, of subdivision (a) of Section 7100 of the Health and Safety Code.
- **Death Certificates Only** - Surviving next of kin, e.g., niece, nephew (As specified in Health and Safety Code Section 7100).

I am NOT eligible to obtain an Authorized Certified Copy of the requested certificate. I understand that by placing a check by this statement I will receive an **Informational Certified Copy** of the vital record requested that will be marked “Informational, not a valid document to establish identity.”