

## VITAL RECORDS

If you need to obtain a birth or death certificate, marriage or divorce records, or other vital records, you can visit <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/howto/w2w/w2welcom.htm>. This website contains a directory of State and territory addresses for up-to-date information on where to go if you need to obtain vital records. The official certificate of every birth, death, marriage, and divorce should be on file in the specific locality where the event occurred. It is important to note that the Federal Government does not distribute certificates or files with identifying information for vital records. This means that you must go through the State to obtain the records that you need. The fees associated with vital records continuously change, so it is recommended that you call the phone number provided by the website to call and verify how much the records will cost. In order to obtain records, you will usually need to provide the full name and gender of the person whose record is being requested, the individual's parents' names, the date and place of the birth, death, marriage, or divorce, the purpose for which the copy is requested, and your relationship to the person whose record is being requested.