

BIRTH CERTIFICATE INFO

The Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) urges parents to avoid the last-minute scramble and long lines to get their children's birth certificates. Early August is usually the busiest time of the year to get birth records for children going back to school.

Birth records are available at three locations in the state: Oklahoma City - OSDH, 1000 N.E. 10th Street; Tulsa - James O. Goodwin Health Center, 5051 S. 129th East Ave.; and McAlester - Pittsburg County Health Department, 1400 East College Ave.

Parents can avoid the rush and plan to visit or contact these facilities now to obtain their children's birth records. Birth certificates are issued between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except for legal holidays. It is recommended parents arrive early to avoid the long lines.

To obtain a copy of a birth certificate, qualified applicants will need to provide their government issued photo ID, the child's full name, date of birth, place of birth, and parents' full names (including the maiden name of the mother). Applications, as well as a complete list of authorized applicants, are available online at <http://vr.health.ok.gov>.

The cost for a birth certificate is \$15, which will provide for a search for the birth record and issuance of one certified copy of a birth certificate. Additional copies are \$15 each. The search fee is not refundable or transferable. Adoptions, paternitys, and other amendment requests may be subject to an additional administrative fee. Checks or money orders must be made payable to the Vital Records Service.

Eligible applicants can also apply for birth certificates by mailing their completed application, a copy of their government issued photo ID, and a check for the appropriate fees to: Vital Records Office, Oklahoma State Department of Health, 1000 N.E. 10th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73117 (allow at least 8 weeks for receipt of the record).

While the OSDH does not accept internet orders directly, for your convenience, you may submit a request through VitalChek Network, Inc. at www.vitalchek.com or by phone at 1-877-817-7364. An additional fee is charged by VitalChek for this service. All major credit cards are accepted.

For more information, visit <http://vr.health.ok.gov> or call (405) 271-4040. Media inquiries should be directed to Cody McDonell at the OSDH Office of Communications at (405) 271-5601.