

## Changes to getting copies of

# VERMONT BIRTH & DEATH CERTIFICATES

**Effective  
July 1, 2019**

Act 46 (2017) enhances the security of birth and death certificates, provides better protection against misuse of these legal documents, and reduces the risk of identity theft.

## What you need to know:

- Only family members, legal guardians, certain court-appointed parties or their legal representatives can apply for a certified copy of a birth or death certificate. For death certificates, a funeral home or crematorium may also apply for a certified copy.
- Applicants must provide valid identification when applying for a certified copy of a birth or death certificate.
- Nothing will change when ordering copies of marriage, civil union, divorce or dissolution certificates.
- **Where to apply for certified copies of birth or death certificates:**
  - ➔ Any Vermont Town or City Clerk's Office
  - ➔ Online at: [secure.vermont.gov/VSARA/vitalrecords](https://secure.vermont.gov/VSARA/vitalrecords)
  - ➔ Vermont State Archives and Records Administration (VSARA)
  - ➔ Vermont Department of Health Vital Records Office