

Vital Statistic Services Fees

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Service/Item	Description	Fee Basis	Current Fee
Full Size Birth Certificate	Long form birth certificate format that contains all birth information; used most often to obtain a passport for a person born at home and/or before 1964. It's also typically required for purposes of dual citizenship, Indian Registry and immigration.	Texas Health and Safety Code Title 3. Chapter 191.0045. FEES. (d) A local registrar or county clerk who issues a certified copy of a birth or death certificate shall charge the same fees as charged by the bureau of vital statistics, including the additional fee required under Subsection (e), except as provided by Subsections (g) and (h).	\$23.00
Wallet Size Birth Certificate	Small form birth certificate format; satisfies many purposes, including registering a child for school or sports.	Texas Health and Safety Code Title 3. Chapter 191.0045. FEES. (d) A local registrar or county clerk who issues a certified copy of a birth or death certificate shall charge the same fees as charged by the bureau of vital statistics, including the additional fee required under Subsection (e), except as provided by Subsections (g) and (h).	\$23.00

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Abstract Size Birth Certificate	Short or abstract birth certificate format most commonly issued; satisfies most purposes, including registering a child for school or sports, obtaining a passport for a person born after 1963 if born in a hospital and obtaining a driver license in most states.	Texas Health and Safety Code Title 3. Chapter 191.0045. FEES. (d) A local registrar or county clerk who issues a certified copy of a birth or death certificate shall charge the same fees as charged by the bureau of vital statistics, including the additional fee required under Subsection (e), except as provided by Subsections (g) and (h).	\$23.00
Search or Verification for Birth	A process of looking or confirming the birth of an individual. Verification letter states whether or not the record of a birth was filed with the State of Texas.	Texas Health and Safety Code Title 3. Chapter 191.0045. FEES. (a) The bureau of vital statistics may charge fees for providing services to the public and performing other activities in connection with maintenance of the vital statistics system, including:(1) performing searches of birth, death, fetal death, marriage, divorce, annulment, and other records.	\$23.00
Full Size Birth Certificate Plastic Pouch (Envelope)	Plastic pouch that full size certificate may be placed into for protection.	The proposed fees are based on information regarding resale costs in other counties.	\$2.00
Wallet Size Birth Certificate Plastic Pouch (Envelope)	Plastic pouch that wallet size certificate may be placed into for protection	The proposed fees are based on information regarding resale costs in other counties. The proposed fees are based on information regarding resale costs in other counties.	\$1.00

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Abstract Size Birth Certificate Plastic Pouch (Envelope)	Plastic pouch that abstract size certificate may be placed into for protection	The proposed fees are based on information regarding resale costs in other counties.	\$1.50
Death Certificate	A certified copy of a death record; provides legal proof of a death registered with the State of Texas.	Texas Health and Safety Code Title 3. Chapter 191.0045. FEES. (d) A local registrar or county clerk who issues a certified copy of a birth or death certificate shall charge the same fees as charged by the bureau of vital statistics, including the additional fee required under Subsection (e), except as provided by Subsections (g) and (h).	\$21.00
Death Certificate: Each Additional Copy	Each additional copy of the death certificate must be ordered at the same time.		\$4.00
Search or Verification Fee for Death	A process of looking or confirming the death of an individual. Verification letter states whether or not the record of a death was filed with the State of Texas.	Texas Health and Safety Code Title 3. Chapter 191.0045. FEES. (a) The bureau of vital statistics may charge fees for providing services to the public and performing other activities in connection with maintenance of the vital statistics system, including: marriage, divorce, annulment, and other records.	\$21.00

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Notary: Acknowledgement of proof (1 st Signature)	A formal declaration before an authorized official, such as a notary public, by someone who signs a document and confirms that the signature is authentic. Also, the certificate of the officer on such instrument indicating that the document has been so acknowledged.	The maximum fee a Texas Notary Public or its employer may charge for his/her services is \$6.00 Texas Government Code Section 406.024 specifies the maximum fees for an official act that is performed by a notary public.	\$6.00
Notary: Acknowledgement of proof, each additional signature		The maximum fee a Texas Notary Public or its employer may charge for his/her services is \$6.00 Texas Government Code Section 406.024 specifies the maximum fees for an official act that is performed by a notary public.	\$1.00
Administering Oath or Affirmation	A solemn declaration, accompanied by a swearing to God or a revered person or thing, that one's statement is true or that one will be bound to a promise. The person making the oath implicitly invites punishment if the statement is untrue or the promise is broken. The act of affirming the truth of a document, not an oath. "I solemnly affirm and declare the foregoing to be a true statement.	The maximum fee a Texas Notary Public or its employer may charge for his/her services is \$6.00 Texas Government Code Section 406.024 specifies the maximum fees for an official act that is performed by a notary public.	\$6.00