

Ordering Your Texas Birth Certificate



Need your Texas birth certificate for your Texas drivers license application? The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is the state registrar of vital events in Texas. DSHS recommends visiting a local registrar or ordering on Texas.gov to request a certified copy of your birth certificate. See below for a full list of options. For up to date information on DSHS processing times, visit dshs.texas.gov/vs/processing/.

Visit a Local Registrar with Remote Access

Some local registrars have remote access to the DSHS database. This allows you to get a birth certificate where you live instead of needing to request one from DSHS or the county where the birth took place. Make sure you have acceptable identification when visiting your local registrar.

For more information, visit: dshs.texas.gov/vs/local/

Order on Texas.Gov

When requesting a birth certificate from DSHS, order online for the fastest service. View current processing times or request an order status on the DSHS website.

For more information, visit texas.gov or dshs.texas.gov/vs/

Request by Mail – Expedited or Regular Processing

Mailed-in requests require more processing time to manually input data and verify supporting documents. Expedited Processing requests take less time, but must be mailed overnight to DSHS.

For more information, visit: dshs.texas.gov/vs/reqproc/Ordering-Birth-Certificates-by-Mail/

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