

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF DEATH RECORD
DO NOT Complete This Application Before Reading the Instructions on Page 2

In an attempt to stop the illegal use of vital records, as and part of statewide efforts to reduce identity theft, a new law(effective July 1, 2003) changed the way certified copied of death certificates are issued. **Certified Copies** to establish the identity of a registrant can be issued only to authorized individuals, as indicated below. All others will be issued **Certified Informational Copies** that **are not** valid to establish identity

Fee: \$21.00 per copy (payable to the Modoc County Recorders Office)

Please indicate the type of certified copy you are requesting:

<input type="checkbox"/> I would like a Certified copy. This Copy will establish the identity of the registrant. (To receive a Certified Copy you MUST INDICATE YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE REGISTRANT by selection from the list below AND COMPLETE THE ATTACHED SWORN STATEMENT declaring that you are eligible to receive the Certified Copy. The Sworn Statement MUST BE NOTARIZED if the application is submitted by mail unless you are a law enforcement or local or state government agency)	<input type="checkbox"/> I would like a Certified Informational Copy . This document will be printed with a legend on the face of the document that states " INFORMATIONAL, NOT A VALID DOCUMENT TO ESTABLISH IDENTITY " (A Sworn Statement does not need to be provided)
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NOTE: Both documents are certifies copies of the original document on file with our office. With the exception of the legend, the documents contain the exact same information

- The registrant(person listed on the certificate) or a parent or legal guardian of the registrant
- A party entitled to receive the record as a result of a court order, or an attorney or a licensed adoption agency seeking the death record in order to comply with the requirements of Section 3140 or 7603 of the Family code
- A member of law enforcement agency or a representative of another government agency, as provided by law, who is conducting official business. (Companies representing a government agency must provide authorization from the government agency.)
- A child grandparent, grandchild, brother or sister, spouse, or domestic partner of the registrant.
- An attorney representing the registrant or the registrant's estate or any person or agency empowered by statute or appointed by a court to act on behalf of the registrant or the registrant's estate. (If you are requesting a Certified Copy under a power of attorney, please include a copy of the power of attorney with this application form.)

APPLICANT INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE) Today's Date: _____

Agency Name (If appropriate)		Agency Case No.(If appropriate)		Purpose of Request	
Printed Name and Signature of Applicant			Number of copies		Amount Enclosed
Mailing Address-Number, Street			Name of Person receiving Copies, if different from Applicant		
City	State	Zip Code		Mailing Address for Copies, If Different from Applicant	
Daytime Telephone (include Area Code) ()			City		State, & Zip Code

DECEDENT INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

Name of Decedent- Last		First		Middle		Sex
City of death (Must be in California)				County of Death		
Date of Death-MM/DD.CCYY (if unknown, enter approximate date of birth)						
FIRST Name on Certificate-Father/Parent		MIDDLE Name on Certificate			BIRTH LAST Name on certificate-Father/Parent	
FIRST Name on Certificate-Mother/Parent		MIDDLE Name on Certificate			BIRTH LAST Name on Certificate-Mother/Parent	

1. As of July 1, 2003, **ONLY** individuals who are authorized by Health and Safety Code Section 103526 can obtain a Certified Copy of a Death Record to establish identity of the registrant (person listed on the certificate). (Page 1 identified the individuals who are authorized to make the request.) All others may receive a Certified Informational Copy which will be marked "Informational, Not a Valid Document to Establish Identity"
2. Complete a separate application for each death record requested.
3. Complete the **Application Information** section on Page 1 and provide your signature where indicated. In the **Decedent Information** section, provide all the information you have available to identify the Death record. If the Information you furnish is incomplete or inaccurate, we may not be able to locate the record.
4. **SWORN STATEMENT:**
The authorized individual requesting the certified copy must sign the attached Sworn Statement, declaring under penalty of perjury that they are eligible to receive the certified copy of the death record, and identify their relationship to the registrant the relationship must be one of those identified on Page 1.

If the application is being submitted by mail, the Sworn Statement **must be** notarized by a Notary Public. (To find a Notary Public, see your local yellow pages or call your banking institution.) **Law enforcement and local state government agencies are exempt from the notary requirement.**

You do not have to provide a Sworn Statement if you are requesting a Certified Informational Copy of the death record.
5. Submit \$21.00 for each copy requested. If no death record is found, the \$21.00 fee will be retained for searching the record (as required by law) and a "Certificate of No Public Record" will be issued to the applicant. Indicate the number of copies you want and include the correct fee(s) in the form of a personal check or postal or bank money order made payable to The Modoc County Recorders Office. Mail this application with the fee(s) to the Modoc County Recorders Office at the address below.
6. **Returning Completed Certificates:** Completed certificates are returned using the U.S. Postal Services.

Modoc County Recorder Office
204 S. Court Street. Rm 106
Alturas, CA 96101

SWORN STATEMENT

I, _____, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California.
 (Applicant's Printed Name)

that I am an authorized person, as defined in California Health and Safety Code Section 103526 (c), and am eligible to receive a Certified copy of the birth or death record of the following individual(s)

Name of Person Listed on Certificate	Applicant's Relationship to Person Listed on Certificate (Must be a Relationship Listed on Page 1 of Application)

(The remaining information must be completed in the presence of a Notary Public or Records Office Staff)

Subscribed to this _____ day of _____, 20__ at _____, _____,
 (Day) (Month) (City) (State)

 (Applicant's Signature)

Note: If submitting your order by mail, you must have your Sworn Statement notarized using the Certificate of Acknowledgement below. The Certificate of Acknowledgment must be completed by a Notary Public. (Law enforcement and local and state governmental agencies are exempt from the notary requirement.)

CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy or validity of that document
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State of _____)

County of _____)

On _____ before me, _____, Personally appeared _____,
 (here insert name and title of the officer)

Who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies) and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument. I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Witness my hand and official deal.
 (SEAL)

 SIGNATURE