



Instructions for Death Certificate Order Form

Carefully read these instructions before completing and submitting the Death Certificate Order Form. Chapter 70.58A RCW and Chapter 246-491 WAC requires all applicants to be a qualified applicant, provide identity and proof of eligibility documentation, and provide required information to order a death certificate. **Be advised:** we are only able to process certificate requests for deaths in Washington from Jan 1, 2012 to present.

Checklist for completing the Death Certificate Order Form:

- Complete all fields on the death certificate order form, sign, and date
- A copy of your identity document(s)
- A copy of your proof of eligibility document(s)
- Payment: if check/money order, make payable to Grays Harbor County Health Department

What is a qualified applicant?

A qualified applicant is a person who is eligible to receive a certificate.

Who are the qualified applicants for a long form death certificate?

Qualified applicants for a death certificate are: Spouse/Domestic Partner, Child, Parent, Stepparent, Stepchild, Sibling, Grandparent, Grandchild, Great Grandparent, Legal Guardian, Legal Representative, Authorized Representative, Next of Kin (if no one else from this list is living), Funeral Director or Funeral Establishment listed on the record (up to 12 months from the date of death), or Government Agency or the Courts (only for official duties).

Are you one of the qualified applicants listed above to the death certificate you are requesting?

If yes, continue. You will need to provide identity and proof of eligibility documentation.

****If you are not one of the listed above, STOP. You are not eligible to receive a WA State death certificate****

What is proof of eligibility documentation?

Proof of eligibility documentation are documents that link you to the requested death certificate.

1. If you are listed on the record and your identity documentation sufficiently links you to the record (i.e. parents), your proof of eligibility requirement is met.
2. If you are not listed on the record or your identity documentation doesn't sufficiently link you to the record, you must provide additional documentation to prove eligibility.

What documents will be accepted to prove eligibility?

The following documents will be accepted to prove eligibility:

- Copies of vital records such as certifications of birth, marriage, and divorce from this or another jurisdiction that link you to the requested record
- Copies of certified court orders from a court of competent jurisdiction linking you to the record (i.e. legal representative)
- Document or letter from a government agency or courts stating the certification will be used in the conduct of official duties (for government and court officials only)

What identity documentation will be accepted?

We will accept a copy of:

- One government issued identity document (must contain photo, full name, and date of birth) that is current or expired less than 60 days; or
- If you do not have a government issued identity document, then at least two alternate documents. The alternate documents must contain matching first and last names and addresses, or in combination contains full name, date of birth, and photograph.

What information is required?

The following information is required as it appears on the death certificate:

- First and last name of the decedent
- Date of death (mm/dd/yyyy)
- City or county where the death occurred



DEATH CERTIFICATE ORDER FORM

Public Health & Social Services
Vital Records
2109 Sumner Ave
Aberdeen, WA 98520

APPLICANT	NAME OF PERSON ORDERING CERTIFICATE(S):				
	MAILING ADDRESS:				
	CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:		
	DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER:	EMAIL ADDRESS:			
To receive a death certificate, you must indicate your relationship to the registrant below and sign the sworn statement that you are authorized to receive the certificate.					
SELECT RELATIONSHIP	<input type="checkbox"/> SPOUSE/DOMESTIC PARTNER	<input type="checkbox"/> CHILD	<input type="checkbox"/> PARENT	<input type="checkbox"/> STEPPARENT	<input type="checkbox"/> STEPCHILD
	<input type="checkbox"/> SIBLING	<input type="checkbox"/> GRANDPARENT	<input type="checkbox"/> GRANDCHILD	<input type="checkbox"/> GREAT GRANDPARENT	<input type="checkbox"/> LEGAL GUARDIAN
	<input type="checkbox"/> LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE	<input type="checkbox"/> AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE	<input type="checkbox"/> COURTS	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT AGENCY	
	<input type="checkbox"/> FUNERAL DIRECTOR/FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT WITHIN 12 MONTHS FROM DATE OF DEATH				
	<input type="checkbox"/> PERSON WHO HAS RIGHT TO CONTROL DISPOSITION OF REMAINS UNDER RCW 68.50.160 NAMED ON THE RECORD				
DEATH RECORD DETAILS	FIRST NAME:	FULL MIDDLE NAME:	LAST NAME:		
	DATE OF DEATH (mm/dd/yyyy):		CITY OR COUNTY OF DEATH:		
	OTHER NAMES, IF KNOWN (EX. MAIDEN NAME, MARRIED NAMES, PARENTS NAMES, ETC.):		SPOUSE(S), IF KNOWN:		
	DATE OF BIRTH, IF KNOWN:		PLACE OF BIRTH, IF KNOWN:		
	<i>I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the information I have provided is true and correct. Further, be advised that willfully providing a false statement to vital records for a certificate is a gross misdemeanor under Washington law, RCW 70.58A.590(2).</i>				
SIGNATURE (APPLICANT)			DATE SIGNED: (MM/DD/YYYY)		

FEE: Enter the quantity				
Total number of CERTIFIED copies		\$25.00	=	\$
+ \$4 Mail Handling Fee				\$4
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE				\$
ORDER BY MAIL WITH CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO GHCPH				

Make check/money order payable to: Grays Harbor County Health Department	
Check/Money Order Number:	Check/Money Order Amount:
Cash Amount:	

Applications may be submitted by mail* or in-person to:

Grays Harbor County Public Health
2109 Sumner Ave, Aberdeen WA 98520
Attn: Vital Records

*All requests received by mail will incur an additional \$4 fee and must include copies of identity and proof of eligibility documents.

Please check here if you would like the certificate mailed to your address

OFFICE USE ONLY		
Authorization #		
Today's Date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> In-person	<input type="checkbox"/> Mailed