

**RCW 70.58A.040 Duties of the state registrar.** (1) The state registrar shall administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter and shall:

(a) Administer the operation and maintenance of the vital records system to preserve the security, integrity, and confidentiality of state vital records and vital statistics established under RCW 43.70.130 and 43.70.150 and this chapter;

(b) Prescribe paper and electronic forms needed to carry out the purposes of this chapter;

(c) Prescribe the information required in forms, reports, vital records, certifications, or other documents authorized by this chapter;

(d) Prescribe the means for transmission of data, including electronic submission, necessary to accomplish the purpose of complete, accurate, and timely reporting and registration;

(e) Review reports to determine if additional information is necessary to register the report. If any reports are incomplete, the state registrar shall require submission of information necessary to make the record complete;

(f) Deny or revoke registration of a report or application for an amendment, or withhold or deny issuance of a certification for the reasons permitted by this chapter;

(g) Prepare and publish vital statistics pursuant to this chapter;

(h) Prepare a plan to provide for the continuity of operations of the vital records system in the event of an emergency;

(i) Take measures to prevent the fraudulent use of vital records; and

(j) Perform data quality assurance and record matching activities.

(2) The state registrar may delegate functions and duties vested in the state registrar under this section to employees of the department.

(3) The state registrar may appoint a deputy state registrar, with the concurrence of the secretary, with the same authority granted to the state registrar under this chapter. [2019 c 148 § 5.]