

**WAC 246-491-300 Requirements for ordering certifications of birth, death, fetal death, and birth resulting in stillbirth.** (1) For certifications of birth, death, fetal death, and birth resulting in stillbirth, the state or local registrar shall release certifications only to qualified applicants as permitted by chapter 70.58A RCW.

(2) For each application, the qualified applicant must submit all of the following:

(a) Information to correctly identify the record consistent with the requirements of WAC 246-491-310;

(b) Identity documentation consistent with the requirements of WAC 246-491-320;

(c) Evidence of eligibility consistent with the requirements of WAC 246-491-330; and

(d) Fees required by RCW 70.58A.560 and WAC 246-491-990, or evidence that the qualified applicant is eligible to receive certifications of a vital record at no charge as required by WAC 246-491-350.

(3) All identity documentation and evidence of eligibility documentation submitted to the state or local registrar from the applicant must originate from a source which the state or local registrar can reasonably verify the authenticity of the documentation.

(4) The applicant must submit all required information and documentation to the state or local registrar within thirty days of the state or local registrar requesting additional information. After thirty days, the application is considered denied.

(5) When the applicant cannot submit the required information or documentation, the applicant will be given an opportunity through an exception process to explain the circumstances to the state or local registrar. If the circumstances presented would have prevented the applicant from providing items required by this section, the state or local registrar may grant an exception and issue the record.

(6) The state or local registrar may deny an application if the applicant fails to meet the requirements of this section or chapter 70.58A RCW. If the state registrar denies an application for failing to meet the requirements, the applicant may appeal the decision by requesting a brief adjudicative proceeding pursuant to WAC 246-10-501 through 246-10-505, and RCW 70.58A.550.

(7) For the purpose of this section:

(a) "Application" means a documented request for certifications of birth, death, fetal death, and birth resulting in stillbirth, including short form certifications of death where applicable.

(b) "Birth" includes delayed birth, but does not include birth resulting in stillbirth.

(c) "Stillbirth" means the same as fetal death as defined in RCW 70.58A.010.

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