



\$15.00 for first certified copy

\$6.00 each additional if purchasing at the same time

Information needed in the preparation of your child's Birth Certificate.

As you know, the Birth Certificate is a valuable document for a person's entire lifetime. It is proof of a precious heritage. It shows that a person is a natural born citizen of the United States of America.

All through life the Birth Certificate is the major source of information on your child's:

- Full Name (First, Middle, Last)
- Place of Birth
- Date of Birth

In addition, the Birth Certificate provides information on names and other items of personal importance to you and others.

The Birth Certificate is a legal document. Filed at the time of birth, it provides proof of age and identity. This is important for inheritance reasons and for obtaining rights to travel in foreign countries.

The Birth Certificate is also needed, in most cases, for the following:

- Social Security
- Entrance to School
- Work Permits
- Travel
- Driver's License
- Marriage License
- Welfare Benefits
- Entrance to the Armed Forces

In addition, the Birth Certificate provides physicians and health workers with vital information related to the health of your child. This is often used for planning future maternal and childcare programs as well as providing services to you.

If you discover an error on your child's Birth Certificate at a later date, please contact the municipal clerk of the city or town where the child was born. The clerk will assist you in the proper procedures for making corrections.

Copies of your child's birth certificate may be obtained from the city or town clerk at the birthplace either in person or by mail. Copies are also available from the city or town clerk in which the mother resides at the time of the child's birth or from the Maine CDC vital records office.