

Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth

This document provides general guidance for establishing a Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth under Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 36-330 for a fetus born/delivered dead after a gestational period of at least 20 completed weeks.

A.R.S. § 36-330 requires the state registrar to establish a Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth for each fetal death after a gestational period of at least 20 completed weeks and to offer the certificate to the parents of the fetus.

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- A Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth contains data collected from the Fetal Death Certificate.
- A Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth may contain the stillborn child's name if provided by the parents.
- The certificate number on a Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth is the same as the certificate number for a Fetal Death Certificate.
- Acknowledgement of Paternity is NOT required for a Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth.

Process

If a parent wants a Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth filed with a local registrar and a funeral establishment is involved in the disposition of the fetus:

- A hospital or midwife attending the birth will complete their portion of the Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth for the funeral establishment.
- The funeral establishment will complete their portion of the certificate and sign in the appropriate box for funeral director and file both the Fetal Death Certificate and the Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth with a local registrar or the State Registrar within three days after the delivery/birth.
- A parent may file an application for a certified copy of the certificate from the State Registrar once the State Registrar receives both certificates from the funeral establishment.

If a parent wants a Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth filed with a local registrar and a funeral establishment is not involved in the disposition of a fetus:

- A hospital or midwife attending the birth will complete their portion of the Certificate of Birth Resulting in Death and file both the Fetal Death certificate and the Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth with a local registrar or the State Registrar within three days after the delivery/birth.
- A parent may file an application for a certified copy of the certificate from the State Registrar once the State Registrar receives both certificates from a hospital or midwife.