

Registering Victorian births

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Recognising the significance of life events

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- How we register?
- Birth Registration Statement Online
- Your key role

It's the law



The *Births, Death and Marriages Registrations Act 1996* requires both parents to register the birth of their child **within 60 days of birth.**

Our role

Since 1853

BDM has recorded in perpetuity the births, deaths, marriages, relationships and adoptions of people in Victoria.

Also:

- changes of name
- donors and surrogacy
- changed sex
- certificates
- statistical data

Birth Statistics



- 78,328 babies born in Victoria in 2013
- ~4% (nearly 2,903) remain unregistered
- *Over* 110,000 birth certificates issued

Why register?

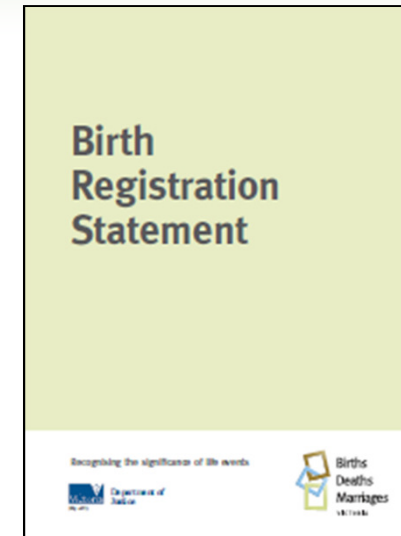
1. Creates the child's identity
2. A birth certificate enables:
 - childcare / preschool / school enrolment
 - Medicare
 - government benefits
 - passport
 - drivers licence.
3. Full participation in society and the economy.

Planning, funding and research for state health, education, welfare, cultural services is determined by birth statistics.
Be counted for future services.

How we register?



Hospital / midwife notifies
us of birth within 21 days



Parents register
birth within 60 days



BDM evaluates and
registers

Parents register via Birth Registration Statement

Office Use Only

Registration number _____
Registration type _____
Officer number _____
DR number _____

PART ONE – Birth Registration

Note

- Both parents are responsible for registering the birth of a child.
- Penalties may apply if a birth is not registered within 60 days of the birth.
- There is no fee payable when registering a birth.
- Please ensure you complete Part Two of this form if you wish to apply for a birth certificate.

Step 1 - Child's name

Note

- Take time to jointly decide the full name of your child as any alterations after registration may incur a fee.
- Write the child's name as it is to be registered without abbreviations, nicknames, slashes, symbols or brackets. Hyphens (-) are accepted.
- Both parents are required to initial any alterations made on this form.

1. Surname (family name) _____

2. Given name(s) _____

Step 2 - Child's details

3. Date of birth

4. Sex of child ☒ Male ☐ Female

***5. Birth information**

a) Birth weight grams b) Birth length cm

c) Head circumference cm d) Eye colour

e) Birth time am/pm - Please circle

6. Was the child born in a hospital or another medical facility?
☐ Yes - Please specify name of hospital or medical facility _____

Suburb/Town

☐ No - Please specify place of birth

a) Street no. and name

b) Suburb/Town

c) State d) Postcode

7. Was the child one of a multiple birth?
Note. You must complete a separate Birth Registration Statement for each child of a multiple birth.

☒ Yes - What was the birth order of this child (e.g. first of twins or second of triplets)? _____ of _____

☐ No

8. Was the child born alive?
☒ Yes ☐ No - Please state the gestation period (number of weeks)

***9. Details of the doctor or midwife present at the birth**

a) Name

b) Street no. and name

c) Suburb/Town

d) State e) Postcode

***10. Daytime telephone number**

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Step 3 - Mother's details (at the time of child's birth)

***11. Title** ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms ☒ Miss ☐ Other

12. Surname (family name)

13. Surname at birth (maiden name)

14. Given name(s)

15. Usual occupation
Note
Position title of current or last occupation held at the time of child's birth (e.g. accountant, project manager, teacher or home duties).
If not employed write 'NOT ANY'.
This information appears on a standard birth certificate.

16. Mother's date of birth

17. Place of birth

a) Suburb/Town

b) State (or country if born outside Australia)

***18. If born outside Australia, what year did the mother first arrive in Australia?**

***19. Is the mother of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?**

Yes - Please specify origin
☐ Aboriginal ☐ Torres Strait Islander ☒ Both

☐ No

20. Residential address

a) Street no. and name

b) Suburb/Town

c) State d) Postcode

***21. Daytime telephone number**

***22. Email address**

Step 4 - Father or parent's details

Note

- These details must be provided regardless of whether the father or parent is available to sign this form or not.
- A daytime phone number should be provided even if no other information is available.
- If you are unable to provide any information, see Note at Q.40 (overleaf).

***23. Title** ☐ Mr ☐ Ms ☒ Miss ☐ Other

24. Surname (family name)

25. Surname at birth

26. Given name(s)

27. Usual occupation
Note
Position title of current or last occupation held at the time of child's birth (e.g. accountant, project manager, teacher or home duties).
If not employed write 'NOT ANY'.
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28. Father or parent's date of birth

29. Place of birth

a) Suburb/Town

b) State (or country if born outside Australia)

***30. If born outside Australia, what year did the father or parent first arrive in Australia?**

***31. Is the father or parent of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?**

Yes - Please specify origin
☐ Aboriginal ☒ Torres Strait Islander ☐ Both

☐ No

32. Residential address
Note. If father or other parent's residential address is the same as the mother's write 'SAME AS MOTHER' in the space provided.

a) Street no. and name

b) Suburb/Town

c) State d) Postcode

***33. Daytime telephone number**

***34. Email address**

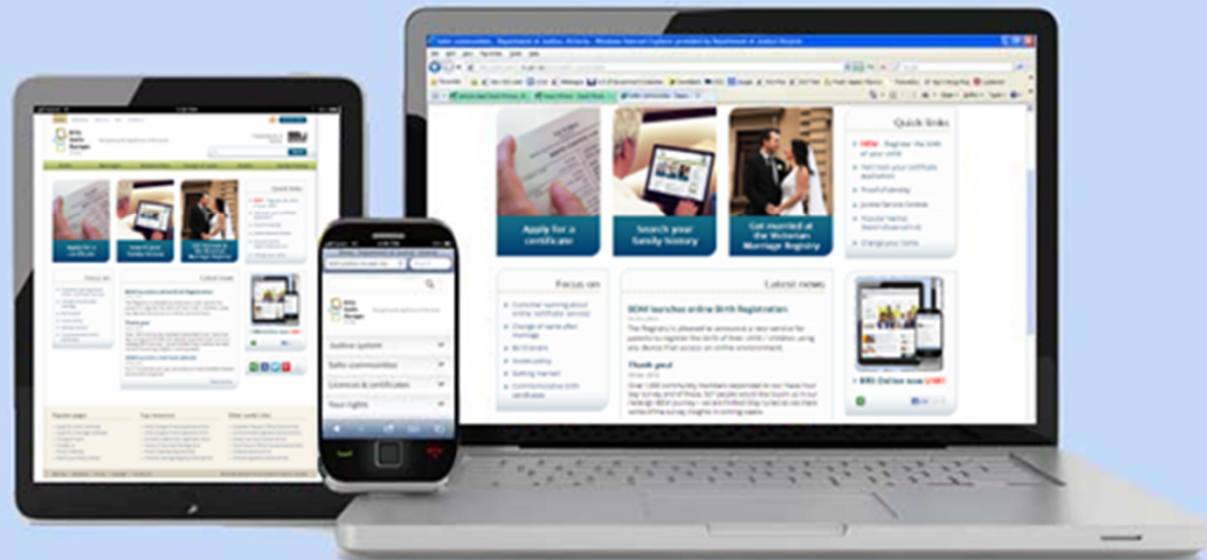
Online birth registration on its way



Birth Registrations now online!

As part of our commitment to improving our online services, we are pleased to announce the ability to register the birth of your child using any device.

We hope you find it easier to connect with us.





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Birth Registration Online

Did the birth/births occur in a Victorian hospital or medical facility?

(Required)

Yes ☒No ☐

Was the birth a single or multiple birth? (Required)

Single birth

Did the birth/births result from a donor treatment procedure?

(Required)

No

In addition to the mother's details, whose details will be provided for the second parent? (Required)

Father

What is the relationship status of the parents? (Required)

Neither of the above

Do the parents agree on the name(s) for the child/children?

(Required)

Yes ☒No ☐

Is this the mother's first child? (including legally adopted children)

(Required)

Yes ☐No ☒

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Was the child born alive? (Required)

Yes ☒

No ☐

Sex of child (Required)

Female 

Surname (family name) (Required)

CITIZEN

Given name (first name) (Required)

Mia

Middle name(s)

Jane

Date of birth (Required)

12/10/2013

dd/mm/yyyy

Cancel

Next

Birth Registration Online



Birth Location

Where was the child born?

Name of hospital/medical facility

Cabrini Brighton

Address of hospital/medical facility

243 New St, Brighton VIC 3186

Medical practitioner present at birth (Required)

Doctor

Surname

Walker

Given name

Peter

Cancel

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Mother's Details

Mother's surname (family name) (Required)

Smith

Mother's surname at her birth (Required)

Smith

Given name (first name)

Mary

Middle name(s)

Usual occupation

Teacher

Date of birth (Required)

20/02/1980

Born in Australia (Required)

Yes

No

State (place of birth) (Required)

Suburb (place of birth) (Required)

Is the mother of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?
(Required)

Aboriginal

Your key role

During Maternal and Child Health Visits:

- Child and family health is number 1 priority
- Another priority is ensuring parents register their child

You are the only direct contact with nearly 100% of parents once they leave hospital.

We rely on you to remind parents.

Maternal and Child Health Visits

Birth registration reminders in Health and Development Record

- 2 week visit
- 4 week visit
- 8 week visit

My 2 week visit

What is the 2 week visit about?

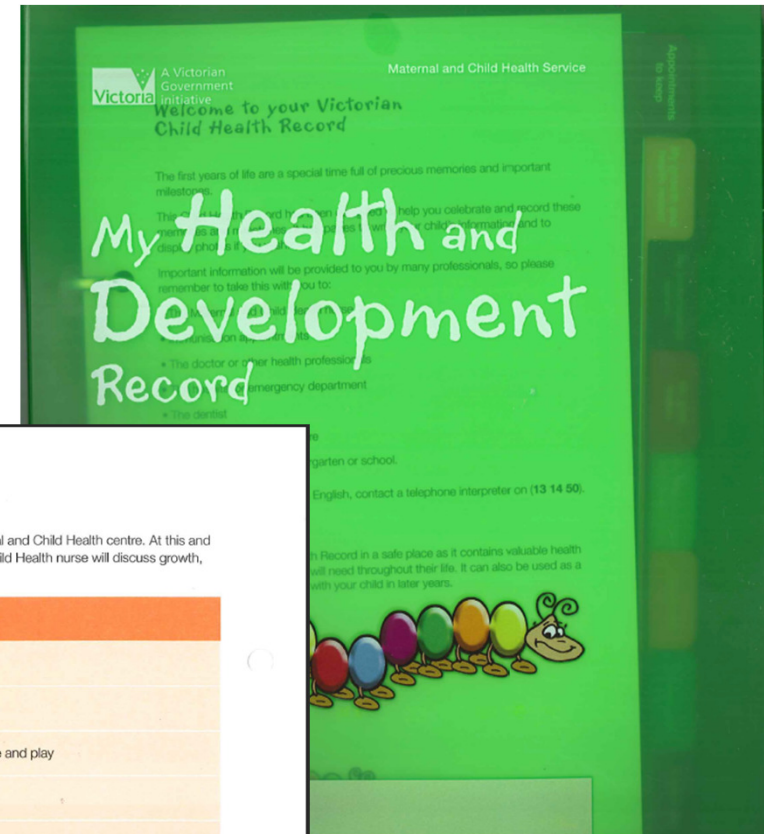
This is usually my first visit to the local Maternal and Child Health centre. At this and each other visit you and your Maternal and Child Health nurse will discuss growth, health and development.

This visit will also focus on

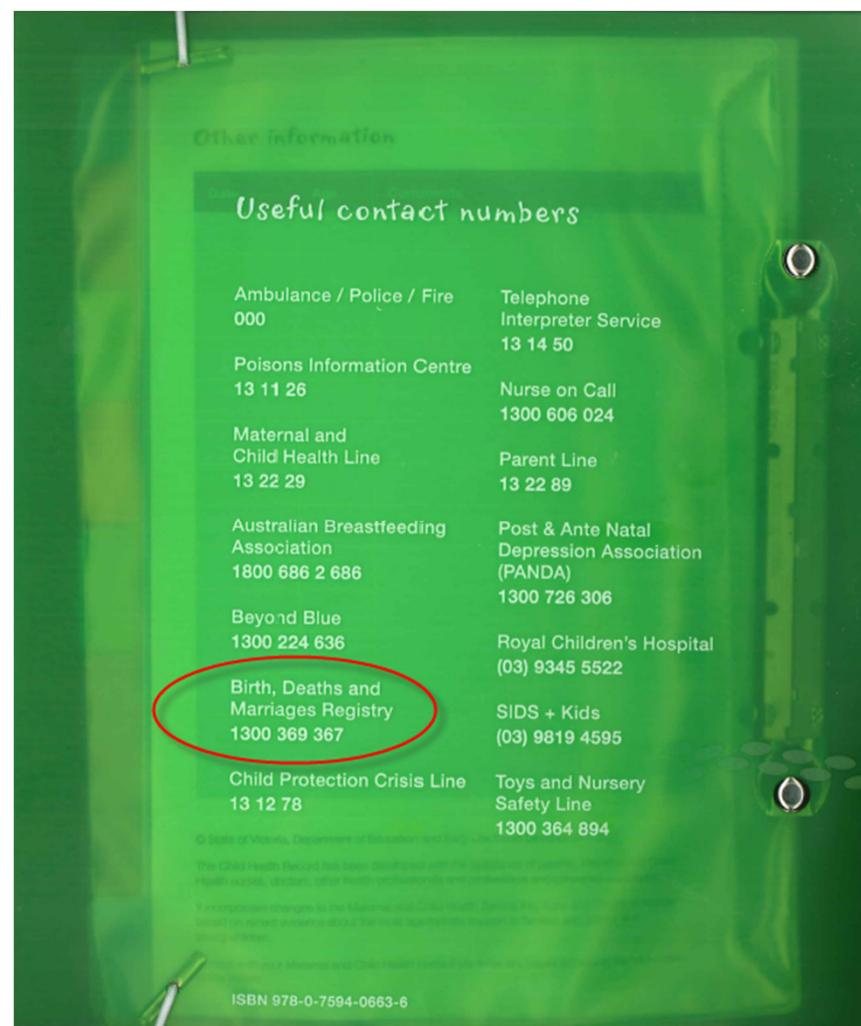
- My immunisations
- Feeding me – including breastfeeding
- Talking to me – communication, language and play
- My car restraints
- My safety in the home

Other things we may want to talk about at this visit

- My birth registration
- My Hearing Screen (VHSP) – refer to the *My Birth Details* section to see if it has been done
- My Eye check: Red Eye Reflex – refer to *My Birth Details* section to see if this has been done



Maternal and Child Health Visits



Maternal and Child Health Visits

Please prompt parents:

Have you registered your child's birth with Births, Deaths and Marriages?

It gives your child an official identity and allows you to obtain a birth certificate.



Koori Births

- **Why identify as a Koori or Torres Strait Islander?**
Greater access to benefits, health, schools, Abstudy
- **Indigenous Access Fund**
Assistance with the cost of a certificate – concession card eligibility

Standard birth certificate

VICTORIA AUSTRALIA BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES REGISTRATION ACT 1996		REGISTRATION NUMBER 68686/2010
BIRTH CERTIFICATE		
1 CHILD	Surname Given Name(s) Sex Date of Birth Place of Birth	CITIZEN Jenny Female 11 February 2010 Carlton Victoria
2 MOTHER	Surname Birth Surname (if different) Given Name(s) Occupation Age Place of Birth	CITIZEN DOE Jane Industrial Chemist 35 years Shepparton Victoria
3 FATHER	Surname Birth Surname (if different) Given Name(s) Occupation Age Place of Birth	CITIZEN John Accountant 39 years Sydney New South Wales
4 MARRIAGE OF PARENTS	Date of Marriage Place of Marriage	24 December 1999 Melbourne Victoria
5 PREVIOUS CHILDREN OF RELATIONSHIP		Not any
6 INFORMANT(S)	Name Address	Jane CITIZEN 14 Somewhere Close Surrey Hills Vic John CITIZEN 14 Somewhere Close Surrey Hills Vic
7 REGISTRATION OFFICER		G. A. BROWN

Commemorative birth certificate

Birth Certificate

CHILD

Barbie Doll PERSON-CITIZEN

SEX: Female
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 12 December 2000
Werribee Mercy Hospital, Werribee

MOTHER: GIVEN NAME(S): Jane Sally
FAMILY NAME: PERSON
PLACE OF BIRTH: Williamstown, Victoria

PARENT: GIVEN NAME(S): Lisa Rebecca
FAMILY NAME: CITIZEN
PLACE OF BIRTH: Werribee, Victoria

REGISTRATION NUMBER: 12345/2011

REGISTRAR: [Signature]
DATE: 29 Dec 2011

VICTORIAN REGISTRY OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES, AUSTRALIA

Baby names

Top 5 birth names registered 2013

Girls	Boys
Charlotte	William
Ava	Jack
Olivia	Oliver
Mia	Ethan
Emily	Thomas

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- Online Registration by parents will be possible by mid year

Contacts

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Questions?

