Registering Victorian births

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Overview

• Birth Registration - It’s the law
• Our role
• Birth statistics
• Why register?
• How we register?
• Birth Registration Statement Online
• Your key role
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
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.
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
Birth Registration Online

Child's Details

Note:

- Take time to jointly decide the full name of your child as any changes after the registration may incur a fee.
- Type the child's name as it is to be registered without abbreviations, nicknames, slashes, symbols or brackets. Hyphens (-) are accepted.

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
Birth Registration Online

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
Maternal and Child Health Visits

Useful contact numbers

- Ambulance / Police / Fire 000
- Poisons Information Centre 13 11 26
- Maternal and Child Health Line 13 22 29
- Australian breastfeeding Association 1800 686 2 686
- Beyond Blue 1300 224 636
- Birth, Deaths and Marriages Registry 1300 368 367
- Child Protection Crisis Line 13 12 78
- Telephone Interpreter Service 13 14 50
- Nurse on Call 1300 606 024
- Parent Line 13 22 89
- Post & Ante Natal Depression Association (PANDA) 1300 728 306
- Royal Children's Hospital (03) 9348 5522
- SIDS + Kids (03) 9819 4595
- Toys and Nursery Safety Line 1300 364 894
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

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<th>1 CHILD</th>
<th>Surname</th>
<th>CITIZEN</th>
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| 4 MARRIAGE OF PARENTS | Date of Marriage | 24 December 1999 |
|                       | Place of Marriage | Melbourne Victoria |

| 5 PREVIOUS CHILDREN OF RELATIONSHIP | Not any |

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<th>6 INFORMANT(S)</th>
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| 7 REGISTRATION OFFICER | G. A. Brown |

**VOID**
Commemorative birth certificate
### Top 5 Birth Names Registered 2013

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<th>Girls</th>
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<td>Charlotte</td>
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- Online Registration by parents will be possible by mid year.
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<td>Web</td>
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Questions?