

The image shows a 'Certificate of Live Birth Worksheet' from Marin General Hospital. The form is titled 'Please complete this information to prepare your child's birth certificate.' It includes fields for the child's name (First, Middle, Last), sex, date of birth, time of birth, and parental information. There are checkboxes for 'Was this birth: Single, Twin, Triplet, Quadruplet, Other' and 'Relationship to child: Mother, Father, Parent, Not specified'. A note states: 'Are the parents married and/or in a state registered partnership (SRPP)? Yes No. If the parents are not married or in a SRPP, then the biological parents must sign paternity papers to add the parent's name to the child's birth certificate. Reference health and safety code section 102425 (a) (9). Birth name of parent last giving birth (Fields 6A, 6B, 6C, on child's birth certificate, unless court order is presented)'. There are two identical sets of fields for mother and father. A 'FOR HOSPITAL USE ONLY' section is at the top right. A note at the bottom says 'Continued next page'.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why do I Need to register my Baby's Birth?

You must register your baby's birth to comply with state law. Registering the birth is the only way to create a permanent legal record of the birth and to obtain an official birth certificate. During your child's life, he or she will need an official Birth Certificate to:

- Obtain a social security number and benefits
- Obtain a baby passport to travel internationally
- Apply for a driver's license
- Enroll in school

In summary, only a certified copy of a Birth Certificate is a legal record of your child's birth. Certified copies are recognized in any court.

What if there is an Error on the Birth Certificate?

It is important that you read the birth certificate worksheet for accuracy. If your date of birth or name is incorrect, you will not be able to secure your child's passport or social security number. After your baby's Birth Certificate has been registered, the original certificate (with the exception of gender error) cannot be changed. Errors can only be corrected by filing an Affidavit to Amend a Record. For more information, visit the California Department of Public Health Vital Records at:

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/birthdeathmar/ages/ProcessingTimes.aspx>

How long does it take to obtain a Newborn Birth Certificate?

Birth Certificates are registered in the county where the event occurred. Birth Certificates can be picked up after 14 days from:

Marin County Vital Statistics Office

10 North San Pedro Road, San Rafael, CA 94903

Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
(closed on major holidays)

<http://www.marincounty.org/depts/ar/divisions/recorder/birth-certificate-request>

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Who May Request a Birth Certificates?

California law Health and Safety Code, Section 103526, permits only authorized individuals to receive certified copies of birth records. Those who are not authorized by law to receive a certified copy will receive a certified copy marked "INFORMATIONAL, NOT A VALID DOCUMENT TO ESTABLISH IDENTITY."

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I'm outside the U.S. Can I still order a Marin County Birth Certificate?

Yes, vital records for events that occurred in Marin County may be ordered from overseas. A request for an "authorized certified copy" must have an Apostille attached acknowledged by a foreign notary must be accompanied by an apostille. An acknowledgement from a Consul or Vice Consul from the U.S. Consulate does not require an Apostille. Any language on the request form or acknowledgement other than English must be translated by a court approved translator. No translation is required for the Apostille. The apostille certifies the authenticity of the signature on a stamp or seal on a document, identifies the capacity in which the person signing the document acted, and in some cases certifies the identity of the seal or stamp a document bears. You may also download an informational brochure, The ABCs of Apostilles at:

www.sos.ca.gov/notary/authentication/