

VITAL RECORDS

BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES

South Dakota vital records are administered by the South Dakota Department of Health. The Register of Deeds office works with the Department of Health to facilitate the purchase of copies of these records. Birth records with birth dates over 100 years old are [available on line at www.state.sd.us/applications/PH14Over100BirthRec/index.asp](http://www.state.sd.us/applications/PH14Over100BirthRec/index.asp)

BY STATE LAW, VITAL RECORDS FILED IN THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA ARE NOT OPEN FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION. APPLICANTS MUST MEET ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN CERTIFIED COPIES.

FEES: Per ARSD 44:09:06:02, vital records are released only as certified or informational copies. There is a \$15.00 search fee for each record payable at the time of application. If the record is found, the copy is issued. Additional copies of the same record are \$15.00 each.

- **BIRTH RECORDS:** A South Dakota birth record may be obtained at any Register of Deed office in South Dakota regardless of the County of birth and through the State Department of Health.
- **DEATH RECORDS:** For deaths that have occurred anywhere in South Dakota after January 1, 1970, a copy of the record may be obtained at **any** Register of Deeds office in South Dakota, regardless of the County of death. For deaths that occurred prior to January 1, 1970 a record **must** be obtained from the Register of Deeds in the county where the death occurred or through the State Department of Health.
- **MARRIAGE RECORDS:** Records of marriages in South Dakota from 1970 to the present can be issued at any Register of Deeds office in South Dakota. Records of marriages prior to January 1, 1970 **must** be obtained from the Register of Deeds in the County where the marriage license was applied for or through the State Department of Health. However, the State Department of Health does not have marriage records that occurred prior to July 1, 1905.

ORDERING METHODS:

- **IN PERSON:** Our office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. You will be required to complete and sign an application for the appropriate vital records (birth, death, marriage). An ID is required of a person completing the application. This must be a government-issued photo ID (State, Tribal, or Federal).

- **BY MAIL:** To Register of Deeds, 104 N. Main St. Suite 130, Canton, SD 57013-1789. Mail requests require a completed application for the appropriate vital records (birth, death, marriage) signed in front of a notary **or** a clear copy of a photo ID, along with the appropriate fee.
- **ON LINE:** Using a credit card at www.vitalcheck.com There is an additional convenience fee to use this service and also if you need the record expedited there is an additional fee.