

Death Registry

Q.A. Bulletin

This bulletin is issued by the Arizona Department of Health Services Office of Vital Records as part of a continuing effort to improve the quality, completeness and accuracy of data submitted to the State's Vital Records System.

If you have any questions, please call us at 602-364-1245.

FETAL DEATH CERTIFICATES

A fetal death certificate is not required under ARS §36-329(A) for a fetus that is less than 20 weeks in gestational age or under 350 grams. However, a Report of Fetal Loss may be registered. Please ask the parent if they want one created and registered. The Report of Fetal Loss Worksheet must be used to collect the information for registration. In addition, after the registration has been completed, the parents may apply for a certified copy of the Report of Fetal Loss certificate at the County or State Office of Vital Records office.

A Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth will not be created or registered for a fetus that is less than 20 weeks in gestational age. This is prohibited by ARS §36-330.