

(Effective January 1, 2021)

WAC 246-491-320 Identity documentation required to obtain certifications of birth, death, and fetal death. (1) The qualified applicant must submit identity documentation to the state or local registrar to receive a certification of birth, death, or fetal death in accordance with this section.

(2)(a) The qualified applicant must submit to the state or local registrar one of the following pieces of identity documentation, valid or expired no more than sixty days that contains the applicant's full name, photograph, and date of birth:

(i) Enhanced driver's license, driver's license, or instruction permit issued by a state or territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia;

(ii) A Washington state identification card or an identification card issued by another state;

(iii) A military identification card;

(iv) A United States passport or passport card; or

(v) An identification document issued by local, state, federal, or foreign government, or federally recognized Indian tribe.

(b) A qualified applicant requesting on behalf of a government agency or courts to conduct official duties may use an identification card issued by their government agency or courts that contains the full name and photograph of the applicant.

(3) If a qualified applicant is unable to submit one identity documentation listed in subsection (2) of this section, they must provide at least two alternate forms of identification. Alternate forms of identification may include, but are not limited to, government issued identifications listed in subsection (2)(a) of this section if expired more than sixty days, letters from government or social agencies, pay statements, utility bills, student identification with photo, or other items acceptable to the state registrar. Alternate forms of identification must at least contain matching first and last names and addresses, or provide the full name, photograph, and date of birth.

(4) For applications received by telephone or internet, the qualified applicant may choose to take an authentication quiz in lieu of submitting identity documents. The authentication quiz must contain or ask information requiring personal knowledge not available from reviewing current information typically found in their wallet or personal possession. If the authentication quiz is not successfully completed, the applicant must submit identity documentation listed in subsection (1) or (2) of this section.

(5) Proof of citizenship is not required information to receive a certification of birth, death, or fetal death.

(6) For the purpose of this section, "birth" includes delayed birth.

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