

HOW CAN I GET AN OFFICIAL COPY OF A DEATH CERTIFICATE?

At the time of burial, a funeral home will provide certified copies of the death certificate to the family.

Certified copies can also be obtained from the Division of Vital Records Administration (DVRA) located at 71 South Fruit Street, Concord, NH 03301. Their telephone number is (603) 271-4650. Contact DVRA for hours, application and fee information.

The bureau of Vital Records website is: http://sos.nh.gov/vital_records.aspx

A death certificate can also be obtained from the town or city where the death occurred.

New Hampshire death records have restricted access. Therefore, in order to obtain a death certificate from the Division of Vital Records or a town or city clerk, one must demonstrate direct or tangible interest in the information. The requirements are set forth in RSA 5-C:82. You can submit a written application for a certified copy of a death record to Vital Records or to any clerk of a town or city's office.

If it is determined that the applicant has provided adequate information to show a direct and tangible interest in the record, the requested certified copies of the death certificate will be provided.

Call the Court's Information Center at 1-855-212-1234 if you have questions.