AFTER

ARIZONA — STATE AND COUNTY OFFICES

Ordering a death certificate in Arizona

Arizona death certificates come from the state Bureau of Vital Records and from county vital records offices. Here's how to order, with sections for Maricopa and Pima counties.



A guide from After

BEFORE YOU START

What you'll need, and **what to know first**

The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) Bureau of Vital Records takes orders online and by mail. For walk-in service, the state's application directs you to a county vital records office.

COST

$20 per certified copy

WHO CAN ORDER

Family members and others who can document their eligibility

Have these ready before you begin — most of the process is just entering this.

- ✓ A valid, signed government photo ID — or a notarized signature
- ✓ Proof of your relationship, such as a marriage or birth certificate
- ✓ Your loved one's name, date of death, and date of birth
- ✓ The town and county where they died
- ✓ The name of the funeral home
- ✓ A card to order online, or a money order or check by mail

Good to know: Arizona asks every applicant for proof of eligibility, not just ID. For example, a spouse sends a marriage certificate, an adult child sends a birth certificate naming their parent, and an executor sends a copy of the will.

HOW TO ORDER

Three ways **to apply**

Option A — **Online**

1. **Order through VitalChek**

   The state's application lists VitalChek.com for online orders.

   azdhs.gov/policy-intergovernmental-affairs/vital-records

2. **Have your ID and proof of relationship ready**

   The same eligibility documents apply online as by mail or in person.

3. **Pay by card**

   $20 per certified copy, plus VitalChek's processing fee and any expedited shipping, shown at checkout.

Option B — **By mail, to the state**

1. **Complete the Request for Copy of Death Certificate (form VS-159)**

   Sign the original application.

2. **Add your ID, proof, and payment**

   Include a photocopy of the front and back of your photo ID (or have your signature notarized), proof of relationship, a self-addressed stamped envelope, and $20 per copy. Don't mail cash.

3. **Mail it to the Bureau of Vital Records**

   MAIL TO

   Bureau of Vital Records
   PO Box 6018, Phoenix, AZ 85005

Option C — **In person, at a county office**

County vital records offices offer walk-in service. Hours and accepted payment types vary from office to office.

COUNTY OFFICES

Maricopa and **Pima counties**

MARICOPA COUNTY

- ✓ **Cost:** $20 per certified copy.
- ✓ **In person:** offices in Phoenix, Glendale, Mesa, Peoria, and Goodyear. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Wednesday from 9 a.m. Arrive by 4 p.m. Same-day service is possible with an eligible application.
- ✓ **By mail:** PO Box 2111, Phoenix, AZ 85001. Mail requests are usually processed within one week.

PIMA COUNTY

- ✓ **Cost:** $20 per certified copy, by check, money order, Visa, or Mastercard.
- ✓ **In person:** 3950 S. Country Club Rd. or 1010 W. Miracle Mile, Tucson. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed from 1 to 2 p.m. Certificates can be issued the same day.
- ✓ **By mail:** Pima County Vital Records, 3950 S. Country Club Rd., Tucson, AZ 85714. Mail orders can take two to four weeks.

ELIGIBILITY

Who can request **a certified copy**

County offices list these applicants as eligible. Each needs documents that show the relationship:

- ✓ A spouse, with a marriage certificate
- ✓ A parent, grandparent, adult child, grandchild, brother, or sister
- ✓ An executor with a copy of the will, or someone with a court order or power of attorney
- ✓ The funeral director handling arrangements

Good to know: if you don't have a government-issued photo ID, you can have your signature on the application notarized instead.

AFTER YOU ORDER

What to expect **from here**

- ✓ County walk-in offices can often issue a certificate the same day
- ✓ Mail orders take longer: about a week at Maricopa County and two to four weeks at Pima County
- ✓ Applications missing proof of relationship or the correct fee are delayed

COMMON QUESTIONS

Any questions? **We've got answers**

I don't know the exact date or details of the death.

Reach out to your Care Specialist at After — we can look that up and provide it for you.

What if there's an error on the certificate itself?

The state's application lists a $30 fee for a correction or amendment. Reach out to your Care Specialist — we can help you get started.

I don't have a photo ID.

Have your signature on the application notarized. Arizona accepts that in place of a copy of your ID.

What if the death didn't happen in Arizona?

Order from the vital records office in the state where the death took place.

We're here if **you need us**

Ordering paperwork while you're grieving is hard. You don't have to figure it out alone — call any time, day or night.

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Fees and timing checked November 10, 2026 against the ADHS death certificate application (revised March 18, 2026), maricopa.gov and pima.gov. Agencies change them, so confirm before you order. We provide cremation services only where we hold the required state licenses.