

# SERVICE CENTER

## New Hampshire Circuit Court

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### How to get an official copy of a Birth Certificate

New Hampshire records have restricted access (*RSA 5-C:21*). Therefore, one has to demonstrate direct or tangible interest in the information.

#### **New Hampshire Births**

A birth certificate for a birth that occurred anywhere in NH from 1986 to the present date may be obtained at any NH town or city clerks' office or the Division of Vital Records Administration (DVRA). Births prior to 1986 may be obtained in the town in which the birth occurred or DVRA Contact the appropriate NH town or city clerks office for hours, documentation and applicable fee.

OR

A birth certificate for any NH birth (from 1640 to present) may be obtained from the Division of Vital Records Administration (DVRA), for hours, documentation and applicable fee. They are located at 9 Ratification Way, Concord, NH 03301, (603) 271-4650.

#### **Out-of-State Births**

A birth certificate can be obtained from the town or city where the birth occurred or by contacting the vital records division located in the state where the birth occurred. This also applies to parents seeking a birth certificate after an adoption. The website for all vital record agencies located in the United States is: <http://www.vitalrec.com/usmap.html>

#### **Birth Certificates for Foreign-Born Children Adopted in New Hampshire**

When an adoption has been approved or validated by a New Hampshire court, a NH Certificate of Foreign Birth is available only through the NH Division of Vital Records Administration (DVRA).

The NH Division of Vital Records Administration (DVRA) is located at 9 Ratification Way, Concord, NH 03301, (603) 271-4650. Contact them directly for hours, application and applicable fee information.

The Vital Records website is: <https://sos.nh.gov/archives-vital-records-records-management/vital-records-information/vital-records-administration/>