

Local Registrars & Fetal Death Registration

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Fetal Death Statutes



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Fetal Death

Death prior to the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of conception, irrespective of the duration of pregnancy; the death is indicated by the fact that after such separation, the fetus does not breathe or show any other evidence of life such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles.

TAC 181.1 Definitions (10)

Why is it important to document Fetal Deaths?

Fetal Death

A certificate of fetal death shall be filed for any fetus weighing **350 grams or more**, or if the weight is unknown, a fetus aged **20 weeks or more** as calculated from the start date of the last normal menstrual period to the date of delivery. TAC Rule 181.7 (a)

A certificate of fetal death (stillbirth) shall be filed with the local registrar within 5 days after the date of fetal death (stillbirth). TAC Rule 181.7 (b)(2)

Fetal Death

Who is responsible for filing a fetal death certificate?

Who are the parties involved in filing a Fetal Death Certificate?

Generally, the physician who attended the delivery completes the cause of fetal death.

Name the circumstances in which a Medical Examiner or Justice of the Peace would determine the Cause of Death?

Fetal Death

Can a Midwife be a certifier for a Fetal Death Certificate?

Can a Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth be requested?

Fetal Death

If a fetus is found already deceased, the case must be referred to the ME or JP for investigation in the county where the fetus was found.

Responsible for registering:

- JP/ME

VS-113 Pink Form versus Electronic Registration (TxEVER)



VS-113 Pink Form

1. Medical certifier/funeral home fill out pink form
2. Medical certifier/funeral home brings pink form to local registrar in the county where the delivery occurred

VS-113 Pink Form

3. Local registrar reviews for completeness, makes a copy for their records, and mails pink form to the state
4. State data enters record -> record goes to state batch print -> record is placed in local acceptance queue of local registrar (working copy only; not for issuance)

Electronic Registration (TxEVER)

New Record

Answer the questions below regardless of the calculated or estimated gestational age of the fetus:

1. Did the fetus take a breath? Yes No
2. Was there pulsation of the umbilical cord? Yes No
3. Was there definite movement of voluntary muscles? Yes No
4. Select APGAR score

Enter calculated or estimated gestational age

GENERAL

Record Type:*	Plurality:*	Delivery Order:*	Date Of Delivery:*
<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value="--Select a value--"/>	<input type="text" value="--Select a value--"/>	<input type="text" value="__/__/__"/>
EFR Number:	Mother's Medical Record Number:*		
<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=""/>		

FETUS

First Name:	Middle Name:	Last Name:
<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=""/>

MOTHER

First Name:	Middle Name:	Last Name:*	Date Of Birth:*
<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value="__/__/__"/>

MOTHER'S CURRENT LEGAL NAME

Title Preference	First Name:
<input type="text" value="--Select a value--"/>	<input type="text" value=""/>

Electronic Registration (TxEVER)

New Record



The APGAR score you have entered indicates that this was a "live" birth and not a fetal death. Please enter this as a birth and death record.

OK

Burial Transit Permits



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Burial Transit Permits

- If the fetus is going to a crematory = fetal death record with BTP is needed.
- If the family is going to bury the fetus in Texas = do not need BTP
- If the family is burying the fetus outside of TX = need BTP + fetal death record

Medical & Demographic Amendments



Medical & Demographic Amendments

- The amendments need to match the way the record is registered.
- If a demographic amendment is needed, then this would be submitted via the paper VS-172.
- If the Pink VS-113 form is used, then the VS-174 Amendment to Medical Certification of certificate of Death
 - Can be obtained only at the local register's office which can be ordered through the VS-100 requisition

Local File Numbers



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Local File Numbers

- VSS advises you not to assign a local file number on paper records unless a copy to needs to be issued prior to TxEVER assigning a local file number.
- At this point, it is recommended to use a temporary local file number know that the TxEVER system will assign a permanent local file number later.
- Once the paper record is processed through TxEVER, a local file number will be assigned.

Local File Numbers

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LOCAL PRINT QUEUE

Document Filter

--Select a value--

All Previously Not Printed.

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LFN Range

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* Year

* From

* To

Submit

Select All Page(s)

Select All Records On Current Page

Issuance

Paper or TxEVER?



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Issuance

- If the pink form is used, issue off your copy of the original pink form.
- If the record is filed electronically through TxEVER, you will issue the record from your printed copy from TxEVER.

*At the Vital Statistics Section, we issue the same way.

Delayed Fetal Death Certificates



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Delayed Fetal Death Records

- Local Registrars should accept all Fetal death certificates regardless of the date of death.
- The statute on delayed death does not apply to fetal death.

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TxEVER Landing Page:

<https://dshs.texas.gov/txevery/#fdeath>

User Guides:

<https://dshs.texas.gov/vs/field/TxEVER/guides.aspx#ugfdeath>

Tips & Shortcuts:

<https://dshs.texas.gov/vs/field/TxEVER/guides.aspx#scfdeath>

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Fetal Death Handbook:

<https://dshs.texas.gov/vs/field/Handbook-on-Fetal-Death-Registration10--2019.pdf>

Statutes:

<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/>

Texas Administrative Code:

<https://www.sos.state.tx.us/tac/index.shtml>

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Physicians Quick-sheet:

[https://dshs.texas.gov/uploadedFiles/Content/Chief_Operating_Officer/vs/field/TxEVER/7.31%20Cheat%20Sheet%20Physicians%20Fetal%20Death\(1\).pdf](https://dshs.texas.gov/uploadedFiles/Content/Chief_Operating_Officer/vs/field/TxEVER/7.31%20Cheat%20Sheet%20Physicians%20Fetal%20Death(1).pdf)

FAQs:

<https://dshs.texas.gov/vs/field/TxEVER/FAQs.aspx#fdeath>

Thank you!

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