

Who Can Apply for a Death Certificate

In most cases, an extract from or copy of the registration of death will suffice as the legal document needed to meet the requirements of most legal needs. Application to receive the Death Certificate of a person is restricted to the following eligible persons:

- Their **spouse**, if legally married or common-law at the time of death
- A **parent** who appears on the original registration of birth as **mother, father** or **other parent**
- An adult **child** of the deceased (18 years of age and older)
- A person authorized by an eligible person (above) **in writing**. View the written [Authorization](#) guidelines
- The **legal custodian** or **personal/property guardian** of the person. *A copy of the **Court Order, Custody Agreement** or other legal documents must be provided with their application*
- The **personal representative** of the estate of an eligible person. *A copy of the subject individual's Will or Letters' Probate or Letters' of Administration or Court Order appointing the Applicant as the personal representative must be included with the Application as a supporting document*
- A person that needs to prove **Métis or Treaty status**. *The request must either include a letter from the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) or Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) supporting the request or else the application must be from MN-S/AANDC with a consent letter from the person seeking to prove parentage*
- In response to a **Saskatchewan court order** or **subpoena**. *A copy of the court document must accompany the application*
- A person that needs it to **prove a joint tenant has died** for land titles purposes. *The land title stating "joint tenant" or a quick search results having both names on it will serve as a supporting document*
- The Public Guardian and Trustee of Saskatchewan, Canada or any other country. *The request requires a letter stating the reason for the request with enough information about the person to identify them. This should be on agency letterhead and signed by a person with the authority to make the request*

Copies of the registration and the medical certificate of death can be issued to:

- A person responsible for **transporting the body** outside of SK for disposition. *If an official Death Certificate is required this request must be submitted separately as a Urgent Service request*
- The doctor or coroner that signed the original certificate of death
- A doctor for the purpose of providing medical care to a member of the individual's family
- A coroner or medical health official conducting an investigation or a program to control a disease
- A person applying for a disinterment permit as required by any Act or regulation Government Agencies, whether provincial, territorial, Canada or any other state or country for the purpose of completing their duties
 - Social Services for the purpose of delivering post adoption or family reunification services
 - Indian Child & Family Services for the purpose of providing child welfare services
 - SGI, SK Cancer Agency, WCB and Veteran Affairs can request information as to if a death is registered or not
- Police services conducting an investigation
 - municipal, provincial, territorial police force or the RCMP
 - the Department of Citizenship and Immigration
 - the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS)
 - the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)