

Register your child within 30 days of birth



DID YOU KNOW?

In terms of the law, births of children should be registered within 30 days of birth. This law applies to both South Africans and Non-South Africans Citizens!

The Department of Home Affairs has opened offices in some hospitals and health facilities throughout the country, to help you register your child's birth immediately. Don't leave a hospital or health facility without registering your child's birth and receiving a birth certificate.

Requirements for birth registration:

- A stamped original proof of birth or clinic card from the hospital or clinic;
- Parents' identity documents (ID);
- If parents are married in a civil or customary marriage, original or certified copy of marriage certificate is required; and
- If parents are not married, both parents must present themselves personally at the nearest Home Affairs Office and bring along their IDs, to sign and acknowledge paternity.

Among other things, a birth certificate will enable your child to:

- Receive government grant;
- Register for Grade R;
- Travel abroad.

"Building a secure, accurate and credible National Population Register with a single point of entry at birth."

For further information, please visit the nearest Home Affairs Office or visit our website www.dha.gov.za or call client service number 0800 60 1190



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