

Who is eligible to obtain a death certificate copy?

- The spouse, parent, child or sibling of the deceased
- Other persons who have a:
 - documented lawful right or claim
 - documented medical need
 - New York State Court Order

What is a lawful right or claim?

If the applicant is not the spouse, parent, child or sibling of the decedent, a lawful right or claim must be documented. An example of a lawful right or claim would be a death record needed by the applicant to claim a benefit. Documentation would consist of an official letter from the agency verifying that to process the claim they require from the applicant a copy of the requested death record.

Identification Requirements – application *must* be submitted with copies of either A or B:

A. One (1) of the following forms of valid photo-ID:

- Driver license
- State issued non-driver photo-ID card
- Passport
- U.S. Military issued photo-ID

B. Two (2) of the following showing the applicant's name and address:

- Utility or telephone bills
- Letter from a government agency dated within the last six (6) months

For more information, visit [NYS Department of Health](#).

