

Requesting a baby loss certificate

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please speak to a member of staff who can arrange it for you.

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لطفاً با یکی از کارکنان صحبت کنید تا آن را برای شما تهیه کند.

Jeśli niniejsza ulotka ma być dostępna w innym języku lub formacie,
proszę skontaktować się z członkiem personelu, który ją dla Państwa przygotuje.

Dacă aveți nevoie de această broșură într-o altă limbă sau într-un format accesibil,
vă rog să discutați cu un membru al personalului să se ocupe
de acest lucru pentru dumneavoastră

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إذا احتجت إلى هذه النشرة بلغة أخرى، أو بتنسيق
يسهل الوصول إليه، يرجى التحدث إلى أحد الموظفين لترتيب ذلك لك.

A baby loss certificate is a certificate that formally recognises the impact of losing a child early on in pregnancy. It is for parents who experience a loss within the first 24 weeks of pregnancy. The certificate is not a legal document, and it is not a death certificate, but it is a way of acknowledging that your baby existed.

If your pregnancy ends before 24 weeks, you can get a certificate in memory of your baby. It is free to get a certificate.

You do not need to request a certificate if you prefer not to. It's optional.

The certificate is not a legal document - for example you cannot use it to claim benefits. The certificate will not be added to your GP record.

If your pregnancy ends from 24 weeks onwards, you need to register a stillbirth instead.

Before you start

You will need:

- your NHS number or postcode registered with your GP – You can find out your NHS number on the NHS website: www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/online-services/find-nhs-number/
- the mobile phone number or email address registered with your GP
- permission from the other parent and their email address, if you want their name on the certificate.

Request a certificate

You can ask for a certificate if all these apply:

- you have lost a baby before the 24th week of pregnancy
- you are one of the baby's parents or surrogate
- you are at least 16 years old
- your pregnancy ended on or after 1 September 2018
- you lived in England when you lost your baby
- you live in England.

If you have lost more than one pregnancy, you can apply separately to get a certificate for each baby loss using the website below:

www.request-a-baby-loss-certificate.service.gov.uk/live-in-england

Your certificate should arrive in the post within 14 days. If you do not receive it, you can request another certificate.

Get help to request a certificate

If you want your certificate in a different format or cannot request the certificate online, you can email the baby loss certificate service or call the helpline:

Email: babylosscertificate@nhsbsa.nhs.uk

Telephone helpline: 0300 330 9445 Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

For information about call charges, please see the GOV.UK website below:

www.gov.uk/call-charges



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