

# Birth Records

## FAQs

- **Who is eligible to obtain a copy of a Birth Certificate?**
  - The person named on the Birth Certificate.
  - A parent of the person named on the Birth Certificate (requesting parent's name just be on the Birth Certificate).
  - Only by order of a New York State Court may a spouse, child, or other persons obtain a copy of a Birth Certificate.
- **Where can I get a copy of my Birth Certificate?**
  - Copies of Birth records are available from the Registrar of Vital Statistics for the town or city in which the child was born, or from the Vital Records Section of the New York State Department of Health. Please note that it does not matter where the parents lived at the time of the birth of a child. Births are registered in the town or city where the birth took place. In Canisteo, the Registrar of Vital Statistics is the Town Clerk.
- How much does it cost to obtain a copy of my Birth Certificate?
  - The fee for obtaining a copy of the birth record from the Town or City Clerk is \$10.00 and the Vital Records Section of New York State Department of Health charges \$30.00
- How do I request a copy of my Birth Certificate?
  - Eligible people may request a copy of a Birth Certificate from the Town or City Clerk in person as follows:
    - Download the [Application for Copy of Birth Record \(PDF\)](#) or complete an application form available from the clerk
    - <https://www.health.ny.gov/forms/doh-4380.pdf>
    - Remit the \$10.00 (cash or check) fee.
    - Present identification