



APPLICATION FOR A FLORIDA DEATH RECORD

Palm Beach County Health Department
Office of Vital Statistics
800 Clematis Street
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

HOURS OF OPERATION: Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
(561) 837-5847

TYPE OR PRINT

Any deaths that occurred before 2009 should be requested from our state office at: Bureau of Vital Statistics, P.O. 210, Jacksonville, FL 32231

NAME OF DECEASED (Registrant)	FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST	SEX	
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (if known)	DATE OF DEATH - MONTH		DAY	YEAR (4 DIGIT)	IF YEAR NOT KNOWN, SPECIFY RANGE OF YEARS TO SEARCH
FLORIDA	PLACE OF DEATH - CITY		COUNTY (REQUIRED)	DEATH FILE NUMBER (if known)	
NAME AND ADDRESS OF FUNERAL HOME	NAME		ADDRESS (CITY)		

IMPORTANT: Read the entire application form before completing. Cause of death is confidential.
To obtain and use a Florida death record under false or fraudulent purposes is a third-degree felony, punishable by the terms and conditions set forth in Florida Statutes.

Certificates available for Palm Beach County deaths only

Description	Cost Each	Quantity	Total cost
[] Certified Copy Without Cause-of-Death (public record)	\$15.00		
[] Certified Copy With Cause-of-Death (restrictions apply)	\$15.00		
[] Funeral Home Rush Orders (8:00 AM – 3:00 PM) Funeral Homes Only	\$10.00		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Check or money order payable to Palm Beach County Health Department in U.S. Dollars •If applying by mail, send request to: <i>Vital Statistics, P.O. Box 29, West Palm Beach, FL 33402</i> 			TOTAL
(DO NOT SEND CASH)			\$

Applicant's Name TYPE OR PRINT	FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST	SUFFIX
Funeral Director/Attorney as Applicant for Cause of Death Information	LICENSE NUMBER	FUNERAL HOME OF RECORD <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		NAME OF PERSON REPRESENTED
	STATE RELATIONSHIP TO DECEDENT	SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT		DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER
HOME PHONE NUMBER	RESIDENCE STREET ADDRESS (AND APT.)			
WORK PHONE NUMBER	CITY		STATE	ZIP CODE

When cause of death information is requested, the applicant must state relationship to decedent and provide photo identification such as driver's license, state identification card, passport, or military identification.

OFFICIAL USE ONLY – To be completed by Palm Beach County Health Department staff			
Safety Paper Numbers:		Amount Paid: \$ _____	Initial
BEGINNING		END	
		CASH OR CHECK# _____	
		Personal Known _____	
		ID Type & #	

INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR DEATH RECORD APPLICATION

AVAILABILITY: Death registration was not required by state law until 1917; however there are some records on file at the Bureau of Vital Statistics dating back to 1877.

ELIGIBILITY:

WITHOUT CAUSE OF DEATH: Any person of legal age (18) may be issued a certified copy of a death record without the cause of death.

WITH CAUSE OF DEATH INFORMATION: Death records with the cause of death information may only be issued to the following individuals: the decedent’s spouse or parent; to the decedent’s child, grandchild or sibling, if of legal age; to any person who provides a will, insurance policy or other document that demonstrates his or her interest in the estate of the decedent, or to any person who provides documentation that he or she is acting on behalf of any of the above named persons. All requests for certification of a death certificate that includes the cause of death information must include signature of the applicant, state his or her qualifying eligibility, or a notarized Affidavit to Release Cause Of Death Information (DH Form 1959), which is available upon request. If after reading the above information you are still uncertain regarding your eligibility for cause of death information, call our office (904) 359-6900 extension 9000 for assistance.

The funeral director associated with the funeral home listed on the death record, or attorney representing an eligible person listed above must include their signature, professional license number, and the name and relationship of the person they are representing. If you are a funeral director **not** associated with the funeral home listed on the death record, or an attorney not representing someone listed above as eligible to receive cause of death information, then a completed Affidavit to Release Cause of Death Information (DH Form 1959) must accompany this request.

Cause of death information on death records over 50 years old is available to anyone completing an application and submitting the required fee.

NOTE: Florida clerks of court will not accept a death record with cause of death information when filing probate.

INFORMATION NEEDED: A search cannot be made without the decedent’s name and year of death. If any of the other items requested on the front of this form are unavailable, other identifying information (such as parents’ names, birthplace, etc) may be helpful if multiple records are found for common names.

APPLICANT’S SIGNATURE: Applicant’s signature is required, as well as his/her name, valid residence address and telephone number.

IF THE CERTIFICATION IS TO BE MAILED TO ANOTHER PERSON OR ADDRESS, USE THE SPACES BELOW TO SPECIFY SHIP TO NAME AND ADDRESS.				
SHIP TO Name TYPE OR PRINT	FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST	SUFFIX
HOME PHONE NUMBER ()	SHIP TO STREET ADDRESS (AND APT.)			
WORK PHONE NUMBER ()	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	