

Steps to Getting your Newborn's Birth Certificate

After a Homebirth in the Bay Area

You'll need to find the appropriate Vital Statistics Department, or Vital Records Department, or Public Health Department for your City/County.

Once you find the appropriate web site, type in "Out of Hospital Birth" in the search engine and search for the contact information for the department. Once you are speaking with someone, you are interested in REGISTERING an Out-of-Hospital Birth. Make an appointment. See departments below for your area.

You will need to bring to the appointment:

(Check with your local department, as each office varies slightly)

- ☐ A letter from Mandala Midwifery.
- ☐ Photocopies of both parents' photo ID (i.e. Driver's license).
- ☐ Proof of current address (i.e. most recent utility bill with your name on it).
- ☐ Newborn Screening results or decline form.
- ☐ The baby.
- ☐ The father and mother.
- ☐ Paternity statement (if mother and father are not married).
- ☐ Marriage license (if mother and father are married).
- ☐ Birth Certificate paperwork provided by Mandala Midwifery.

(Affidavit and Worksheet for Out-of-Hospital Birth).

Please note, when you contact the local Vital Statistics office, they may attempt to send you a packet of information. You may decline, as this is the same as the Birth Certificate paperwork Mandala Midwifery provided. If you would like to see the full package, visit www.cdph.ca.gov and type "Out of Hospital Birth" in the search engine.

Specific Departments*:

Berkeley Office of Vital Statistics
Oakland: Alameda County Public Health Department
San Francisco Department of Public Health - Vital Records
Solano County Vital Statistics

*I welcome you to let me know of other department names in different regions for support for future clients.