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TO: LOCAL REGISTRARS OF BIRTH AND DEATHS  
CHIEF DEPUTY REGISTRARS OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS  
COUNTY CLERKS  
COUNTY RECORDERS  
SUPERIOR COURT CLERKS

SUBJECT: VITAL RECORDS FEE INCREASE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022 –  
**UPDATED FEES**

This All County Letter serves as an update to ACL 21-16 regarding the fee increases that will go into effect January 1, 2022 pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 128 (Chapter 21, Statutes of 2021). ACL 21-16 announced fee increases to the base fees of birth, death, fetal death, and marriage certificates, as well as an increase to amendments and cross-file burial permits.

**PLEASE NOTE:** After further review, several of these new fees have been amended and will result in higher fees than previously reported. These new increases are as follows:

- Certified Copies of Birth Certificates (Public) will increase by \$4.00
- Certified Copies of Birth Certificates (Government) will increase by \$3.00
- Certified Copies of Death and Fetal Death Certificates will increase by \$3.00
- Certified Copies of Marriage Certificates (Public) will increase by \$2.00
- Certified Copies of Marriage Certificates (Government) will increase by \$1.00

The state's portion of the fee increases will be:

- Certified Copies of Birth (Public) – from \$2.10 to \$2.55
- Certified Copies of Birth (Government) – from \$2.10 to \$2.40
- Certified Copies of Death and Fetal Death – from \$2.10 to \$2.40
- Certified Copies of Marriage (Public) – from \$0.90 to \$1.05
- Certified Copies of Marriage (Government) – remains at \$0.90
- Vital and Health Statistics Trust Fund Fee (if trust fund is established) – from \$1.80 to \$2.25



- Vital and Health Statistics Trust Fund Fee (if trust fund is not established) – from \$4.00 to \$5.00

The previously reported fee increases to Amendments (\$23.00 to \$26.00) and \$1.00 fee increase to cross-file burial permits will remain the same. The adoption amendment fee will remain at \$20.00.

**The fillable PDF version of the Monthly Transmittal of Fees form VS-5 (Certified Copies) is in the process of being revised. A separate All County Letter will be sent out when it becomes available on the Extranet.** Once updated, the VS-5 must be used when transmitting fees that are collected on or after January 1, 2022.

Enclosed is an updated vital records fee schedule effective January 1, 2022. The vital record fees impacted by this increase are highlighted in yellow.

Local offices are requested to take the necessary steps to implement the new fee increases on January 1, 2022. This includes providing public notice of the fee changes, updating forms and pamphlets, and revising accounting procedures to accommodate the increases.

We realize that this notice is being released with very short notice and apologize for any inconvenience it may cause. However, we are pleased to note that these amended certified copy fees will result in additional revenue collected by the local offices. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Erik Valles at [Erik.Valles@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:Erik.Valles@cdph.ca.gov) or at (916) 552-8133.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures