



CHAPTER 130A
ARTICLE 4 - VITAL STATISTICS

N.C.G.S. § 130A-93.

Access to vital records; copies.

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§ 130A-93(a) Only the State Registrar shall have access to original vital records and to indices to the original vital records. County offices authorized to issue certificates and the North Carolina State Archives also shall have access to indices to these original vital records, when specifically authorized by the State Registrar.

§ 130A-93(b) The following birth data, in any form and on any medium, in the possession of the Department, local health departments, or local register of deeds offices shall not be public records pursuant to Chapter 132 of the General Statutes: the names of children and parents, the addresses of parents (other than county of residence and postal code), and the social security numbers of parents. Access to copies and abstracts of these data shall be provided in accordance with G.S. 130A-99, Chapter 161 of the General Statutes, and this section. All other birth data shall be public records pursuant to Chapter 132 of the General Statutes. All birth records and data are State property and shall be managed only in accordance with official disposition instructions prepared by the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. The application of this Chapter is subject to the provisions of Article 1 of Chapter 121 of the General Statutes, the North Carolina Archives and History Act. The State Registrar and other officials authorized to issue certified copies of vital records shall provide copies or abstracts of vital records, except those described in subsections (d), (e), (f) and (g) of this section, to any person upon request.

§ 130A-93(c) The State Registrar and other officials authorized to issue certified copies of vital records shall provide certified copies of vital records, except those described in subsections (d), (e), (f), and (g) of this section, only to the following:

- (1) A person requesting a copy of the person's own vital records or that of the person's spouse, sibling, direct ancestor or descendant, or stepparent or stepchild;
- (2) A person seeking information for a legal determination of personal or property rights; or
- (3) An authorized agent, attorney or legal representative of a person described above.

§ 130A-93(c1) A funeral director or funeral service licensee shall be entitled upon request to a certified copy of a death certificate.

§ 130A-93(c2) An agency acting as a confidential intermediary in accordance with G.S. 48-9-104 shall be entitled to a certified copy of a death certificate upon request.

§ 130A-93(d) Copies, certified copies or abstracts of birth certificates of adopted persons shall be provided in accordance with G.S. 48-9-107.

§ 130A-93(e) Copies or abstracts of the health and medical information contained on birth certificates shall be provided only to a person requesting a copy of the health and medical information contained on the person's own birth certificate, a person authorized by that person, or a person who will use the information for medical research purposes. Copies of or abstracts from any computer or microform database which contains individual-specific health or medical birth data, whether the database is maintained by the Department, a local health department, or any other public official, shall be provided only to an individual requesting his or her own data, a person authorized by that individual, or a person who will use the information for medical research purposes. The State Registrar shall adopt rules providing for the use of this information for medical research purposes. The rules shall, at a minimum, require a written description of the proposed use of the data, including protocols for protecting confidentiality of the data.

§ 130A-93(f) Copies, certified copies or abstracts of new birth certificates issued to persons in the federal witness protection program shall be provided only to a person requesting a copy of the person's own birth certificate and that person's supervising federal marshal.

§ 130A-93(g)

No copies, certified copies or abstracts of vital records shall be provided to a person purporting to request copies, certified copies or abstracts of that person's own vital records upon determination that the person whose vital records are being requested is deceased.

§ 130A-93(h)

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EVIDENCE

A certified copy issued under the provisions of this section shall have the same evidentiary value as the original and shall be prima facie evidence of the facts stated in the document. The State Registrar may appoint agents who shall have the authority to issue certified copies under a facsimile signature of the State Registrar. These copies shall have the same evidentiary value as those issued by the State Registrar.

§ 130A-93(i)

Fees for issuing any copy of a vital record or for conducting a search of the files when no copy is made shall be as established in G.S. 130A-93.1 and G.S. 161-10.

§ 130A-93(j)

No person shall prepare or issue any certificate which purports to be an official certified copy of a vital record except as authorized in this Article or the rules.

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APPARATUS I
8 ACTS

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1983	c. 891, s. 2	ENACTED
02	1985	c. 325, s. 1	AMENDED
03	1991	c. 343, s. 1	AMENDED
04	1993	c. 146, s. 3	AMENDED
05	1995	c. 457, s. 7	AMENDED
06	1997	S.L. 1997-242, s. 1	AMENDED
07	2010	S.L. 2010-116, s. 4	AMENDED
08	2015	S.L. 2015-241, s. 14.30(s)	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
4 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 130A-99	(b)	"shall be provided in accordance with"
G.S. 48-9	(c2)	"a confidential intermediary in accordance with"
G.S. 130A-93.1	(i)	"made shall be as established in"
G.S. 161-10	(i)	"as established in G.S. 130A-93.1 and"

APPARATUS III

Citation

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