



Who is this for?

This explains how to register your bub and what you, the family and the community need to know!

OUR Kids COUNT

OUR KIDS' FUTURE
STARTS TODAY

Did you know how important it is to register the birth of your bub?

It helps them as they get older to do things like play sport (get a birth certificate), drive a car (get a driver's licence), or travel overseas (get a passport!).

What do I need to know about registering baby?

It's important to know that hospitals DO NOT register babies!

You can register your bub online for FREE at www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/newborn

The hospital DOES provide all new mums with an information flyer called "Register your Baby before they're 8 weeks old" and it explains all you need to know.

Either of the parents, a grandparent or a guardian can fill out the online form to register baby.

NSW law says every baby must be registered as early as possible. Once your baby is registered you don't need to do anything else, until you want to buy a birth certificate!

- A standard certificate costs \$60*.
* Price correct as of July 2019

Your child will need a birth certificate to:

- Attend school
- Take part in organised sports
- Access some Centrelink benefits
- Get a passport
- Get a driver's licence
- Open a bank account
- Be entitled to an inheritance

What if it's been more than 8 weeks since the child was born?

You can still register online. If you're unsure about the process, please call us on 13 77 88. We are here to help. You won't get in trouble.

What would help me to fill out the online form?

Before you start filling in the form, check you have everything ready to save you time. The online form has help and prompts.

You need to provide a photo or scan of at least 3 forms of identification for each parent

You will need to provide at least three ID documents from the categories listed on the flyer you will receive in the hospital when baby is born.

What if I don't have internet or three ID documents?

Call us on **13 77 88** and we can send you a paper form or help with your ID!



Choose your child's name carefully, because if you change your mind later, you'll need to pay to change it!

For your child's surname, you can use the father's or mother's last name, or a combination, or any other name you choose.

For both parents' names to appear on the birth certificate, you need ID for both. If you don't have contact with the father, then his name won't be on the child's birth certificate.

If a parent identifies as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin, it's important to say so on the online form.

When you register your baby you can order a birth certificate at the same time if you want, or do this later. You can even register yourself, or your other children if they were never registered either.

Who can I ask for help?

Speak to your local Aboriginal Medical Service, Local Aboriginal Land Council, Cultural Centre, Aboriginal Health Practitioner or community centre. Talk to staff in hospitals and medical practices, or speak with your local Aboriginal Liaison Officer.

NSW Registry of Births Deaths & Marriages

We keep a permanent and confidential record of all the births, deaths, marriages and name changes in NSW. This is used to create certificates for people to help prove identity.

Also, we collect data to help plan for future needs in your communities. Remember we are here to help, so phone us up on **13 77 88** to yarn or find out more.

- Our Call Centre is open Monday to Friday 7am to 7pm (AEST). And you are ONLY charged the same as a local call from anywhere in Australia.
- Outside Australia call **00 11 61 2 8894 1555** (charges apply).
- For hearing or speech impaired callers, NRS: **1300 555 727**.
- You can also email: **bdm-webmail@justice.nsw.gov.au**
Include your phone number and we'll get back to you within 10 working days.

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