

HOW TO OBTAIN A CERTIFIED COPY OF DEATH  
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AND  
DETAILS OF WHO CAN OBTAIN A DEATH CERTIFICATE

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- Certified copies of Death certificates are available from Local Registrars for the municipality **where the death occurred**. For contact information for each of the municipalities of Hunterdon County go to [www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/mun/mayors.htm](http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/mun/mayors.htm)  
The Hunterdon Medical Center is in Raritan Township.

The State Bureau of Vital Statistics and Registration maintains death certificates from 1878 to the present.

- You can obtain a certified copy of a death certificate on line, by written request, or in person. Details of these services can be reviewed at [www.state.nj.us/health/vital/death.shtml](http://www.state.nj.us/health/vital/death.shtml)
- For copies of vital records from 1848 to 1877, please contact: New Jersey Department of State, Division of Archives and Records, Management at PO Box 307, Trenton, NJ 08625-0307, or call (609)292-6260.

Who Can Obtain Certified Copies of Death Certificates

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 18 signed by Governor James E. McGreevey on April 24, 2002, a State or local Registrar may issue a certified copy of a vital record only to persons who establish themselves as the subject of the vital record, the subject's parent, legal guardian or legal representative, spouse, child, grandchild or sibling, if of legal age, to State or Federal agency for official purposes, pursuant to court order or under other emergent circumstances as determined by the Commissioner. To review the entire executive Order go to [www.state.nj.us/infobank/circular/eom.shtml](http://www.state.nj.us/infobank/circular/eom.shtml)