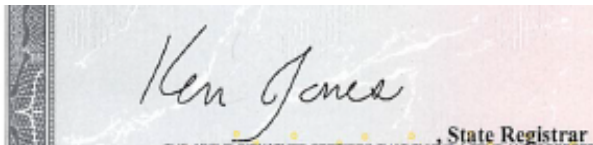
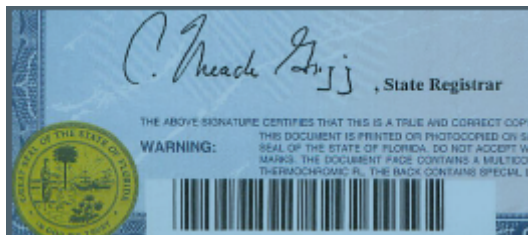


In Florida only a State Level Birth and Death Certificate qualifies to be Apostilled. The difference between a State and County Level Certificate is the authority of the signer. All State Level Certificates are signed by a State Registrar, while most County Certificates are signed by a Chief Deputy Registrar.

All Florida Birth and Death Certificates must be signed by a State Registrar before they can be apostilled. The current State Registrar is Ken Jones, the state registrar before him was C. Meade Grigg. An example of the current and previous registrars signatures are below.

A close-up photograph of a signature in cursive that reads "Ken Jones". Below the signature, the text "State Registrar" is printed in a small, black font.

Ken Jones, current state registrar.

A photograph of a signature in cursive that reads "C. Meade Grigg". Below the signature, the text "State Registrar" is printed. The document also features a circular seal on the left, a barcode at the bottom, and a warning message: "THE ABOVE SIGNATURE CERTIFIES THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY THIS DOCUMENT IS PRINTED OR PHOTOCOPIED ON SE 9541 OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA. DO NOT ACCEPT W MARKS. THE DOCUMENT PAGE CONTAINS A MULTICO THERMOCHROMIC FILM. THE BACK CONTAINS SPECIAL I".

C. Meade Grigg, previous state registrar.

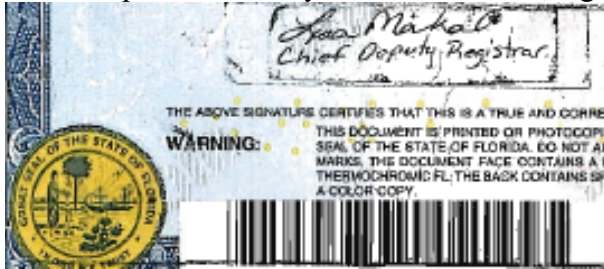
Either of the above certificates signed by a State Registrar qualifies to be Apostilled.

Please see the below list of previous State Registrar's, which can be certified with an Apostille.

Ken Jones
C. Meade Grigg
Oliver Board
Charles Mahan
Edward Williams

If you're Birth or Death Certificate isn't signed by Ken Jones, C. Meade Grigg, or one of the past State's Registrars listed above, then you likely have a County Level Birth or Death Certificate. County Level, Birth and Death Certificates, do not qualify to be apostilled. It is easy to obtain a State Level Certificate. Please see the following pages for instructions on how to order a State Level Certificate online.

An example of a County Level Certificate, signed by a Chief Deputy Registrar is listed below.



The above certificate is signed by a Chief Deputy Registrar and does not qualify to be Apostilled.

If your Birth or Death Certificate is not signed by a State Registrar, then please see the below information on how to obtain a State Level Certificate Online.

How to obtain a Florida State Level, Birth or Death Certificate Online.

Please note we are not affiliated with VitalChek. Vital Statistics in Jacksonville Florida recommends them for people wishing to process online orders.

You can order both a State and County Level Certificate from www.VitalChek.com, be sure to review the below outlined Steps to help ensure you order a State Level Certificate.

Step 1.

Visit www.VitalChek.com and follow the online instructions.

Step 2.

During the online ordering process when you are asked, 'What will you be using this certificate for?', It is very important that you select Legal Purposes as the Reason, don't select Apostille/Authentication if that option is available. Please see below.

What will you be using this certificate for?

Reason:


Step 3.





On the next screen you may have the option to choose a County or State Level Certificate, if Florida Vital Statistics isn't automatically selected then it is very important you select Florida Vital Statistics as the government agency. As long as the top of the page states: Florida vital Statistics offers the following certificate(s): then you will be sent a state level certificate Please see the below three examples.

Example 1.

The below picture shows Florida Vital Statistics has been automatically selected. Since Vital Statistics is automatically selected, no further action is required:

Select a Birth Certificate.

Florida Vital Statistics  offers the following certificate(s):

Birth - Computer Copy  1st Copy Fee: \$19.00 * VitalChek Processing Fee: \$7.00 * Select 	Birth - Book Copy  1st Copy Fee: \$24.00 * VitalChek Processing Fee: \$7.00 * Select 
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Both the Computer and Book Copy qualify to be apostilled.

Example 2 :

The below shows Florida Vital Statistics as being selected, with the option to change the government agency.

Since Vital Statistics is selected in the pull down box, no further action is required:

Select a Birth Certificate.

Choose one of these government agencies to see the certificates they offer:

Florida Vital Statistics  

Birth - Computer Copy  1st Copy Fee: \$19.00 * VitalChek Processing Fee: \$7.00 * Select 	Birth - Book Copy  1st Copy Fee: \$24.00 * VitalChek Processing Fee: \$7.00 * Select 
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Both the Computer and Book Copy qualify to be apostilled.

Example 3:

The below shows the government agency as a County Vital Records. This will cause VitalChek to send you a County document instead of a State Level Document. Click on the down arrow to change the pull down box to read Florida Vital Statistics. It should then resemble the above Example 2.

Select a Birth Certificate.

Choose one of these government agencies to see the certificates they offer:

Pinellas County Vital Records 

Birth Statewide 

1st Copy Fee: **\$18.00** *

VitalChek Processing Fee: **\$7.00** *

Select 

The above should be changed to read Florida Vital Statistics.

Step 4.

Complete the rest of the online ordering process.

How to obtain a State Level, Birth or Death Certificate in Person.

The State Registrar Resides in Jacksonville, Florida. If you live in or are near Jacksonville Florida you may visit the local office and obtain a State Level Document. The address is: Florida Vital Statistics, 1217 Pearl Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32202

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