

PROCESS TO GET A BIRTH CERTIFICATE & SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER FOR A NEW BABY THAT HAD A HOME BIRTH

To get a birth certificate in Oakland

Call the Office of Vital Records

Talk to Joan – 510-267-8075

She'll ask you to fill out a worksheet in this document:

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/birthdeathmar/Documents/Out-of-Hospital%20Birth%20Package.pdf>

Make an appointment as soon as the baby is born - sometimes it could take a few weeks.

- Bring a valid drivers license or passport and proof of residence (pge bill or something else with your name & address, etc.).
- Bring a letter verifying the birth (with the time/date/place/witnesses, etc.) from your midwife (see p. 9 of the pdf)
- Bring the baby!

After 2 weeks, the proper paperwork will be generated from the Office of Vital Records and you can then go to the Alameda County Recorder's Office to pick up the baby's birth certificate. You'll need to pay \$25 for the birth certificate.

Alameda County Recorder's Office

1106 Madison Street First Floor

Oakland, CA 94607

(510) 272-6362

www.acgov.org

Next, you'll need a social security number.

Social Security Office

360 22nd Street Suite 400

Oakland, CA 94612

Note: the Social Security office is no longer on 11th Street!

It's best to go there sometime between the 5th and the 20th of the month. People get their social security checks on the 1st and it's very busy during the days leading up to and after that date. The office hours are 9-4:30 pm but you can go there early (8 or 8:30) to get a number. This will decrease the amount of time you spend in this office with your brand new baby.