

**WAC 246-491-350 Requirements for certifications of vital records at no charge.** (1) Qualified applicants requesting a certification at no charge per RCW 70.58A.560 (2) and (3) must provide identity documentation, eligibility documentation, and required information to the state or local registrar in accordance with RCW 70.58A.530 and this chapter, in addition to the requirements of this section.

(2) To qualify for a certification of death at no charge per RCW 70.58A.560(2):

(a) A law enforcement agency must submit a letter on official letterhead to the state or local registrar stating the certification will be used to maintain a registered sex offender database; or

(b) A county clerk or court in the state must submit a letter on official letterhead to the state or local registrar stating the certification will be used to extinguish an offender's legal financial obligation.

(3) To qualify for a certification at no charge pending a veterans administration claim per RCW 70.58A.560 (2)(a), the state or local registrar must receive:

(a) A letter on official letterhead from the veterans administration stating the certification will be used in connection with a claim for compensation or pension;

(b) A letter on official letterhead from the veterans administration stating an agency is working on behalf of the veterans administration, authorized to represent the veteran, provides the claim type currently pending before the veterans administration, and identifies the type of certification needed;

(c) A letter on official letterhead from the veterans administration stating there is currently a claim pending before the veterans administration, identifies the type of certification needed, and is submitted by a spouse or dependent of the eligible veteran; or

(d) A letter on official letterhead from the veterans administration stating the decedent is eligible for veterans administration burial benefits or approved to be buried in a national cemetery and is submitted by a funeral home or director.

(4) To qualify for a certification of birth at no charge for a homeless person living in state per RCW 70.58A.560(3), a government agency or homeless services provider working on behalf of the homeless individual must submit a letter on official letterhead to the state registrar asserting the individual meets the definition of homeless and lives in the state.

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