Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages Victoria

Application for fee waiver – Adult

Use this form to apply to the Registrar of Birth, Deaths and Marriages Victoria (the Registrar) to waive a fee.

The Registrar may waive the fee for:

* A legal certificate
* Registering a Victorian life event.

Use this form if you are an adult (over 18) and:

* The cost of a legal certificate and/or of registering the life event is a significant hardship for you; or
* You have limited access to funds and are a survivor of family violence, homeless or a refugee; or
* You have experienced financial loss due to a natural disaster where you live.

You will need to provide evidence of your circumstances, as outlined below.

# How to apply

1. Apply for the certificate and/or registration using a paper application form. These are available at Justice Service Centres or BDM’s Registry Service Centre
2. Fill out this form, print and sign it
3. Attach this form to your application
4. Attach the evidence outlined below.

# Application

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| I [full name] |       |
| of [address] |       |

1. I acknowledge that this application will be assessed under the Financial Hardship and Fee Waiver Policy.
2. I am applying to the Registrar to waive the fee as the cost is a significant hardship for me. I am:

## Low income

[ ]  On a low income and have limited access to funds.

### Evidence of low income

A certified copy of either my current

* Centrelink Health Care Card; or
* Centrelink Pension Concession Card; or
* Disability Support Pension Card

## Family violence

[ ]  A survivor of family violence and have limited access to funds.

### Evidence of family violence

A letter on official letterhead confirming these details, from either a:

* Recognised government agency; or
* A community or outreach organisation.

## Homelessness

[ ]  Experiencing homelessness and have limited access to funds.

### Evidence of homelessness

A letter on official letterhead confirming homelessness from either a:

* Recognised government agency; or
* A community or outreach organisation.

## Refugee status

[ ]  A refugee and have limited access to funds.

### Evidence of refugee status

A letter on official letterhead confirming my refugee status, from either a:

* Recognised government agency; or
* A community or outreach organisation.

## Natural disaster

[ ]  Experiencing financial loss due to a natural disaster where I live.

### Evidence of natural disaster

A letter on official letterhead, confirming my loss from either:

* The body coordinating the response to the declared natural disaster; or
* A Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages, in another state or territory, that is providing help to the disaster area.

I am:

[ ]  Aboriginal;

[ ]  Torres Strait Islander

[ ]  Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

Mob/tribe (if known):

[ ]  None of the above

We ask whether you are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander so that we can understand community needs. It helps us plan future services.

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| Signature |       |
| Date |       |

# What happens next

1. The Registrar will assess your eligibility under the Registry’s:
	* Access policy
	* Financial hardship and fee waiver policy.

These are available at <https://www.bdm.vic.gov.au/about-us/financial-hardship-and-fee-waiver>.

1. We may contact you to clarify the information you have provided.

The Registrar may refuse applications that do not meet these requirements.

1. If your request is:
	* **Approved**, we will process your application. You won’t have to pay the fee.
	* **Declined**, we will let you know the reasons. You will have to pay the normal fee to get the certificate or register the event.

We collect and use personal information only for administration purposes. We will not disclose it except where authorised by law. We manage this information in accordance with the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Victoria).