

BIRTH CERTIFICATES

Certified Copies of birth certificates are \$23.00 each.

Birth records are CLOSED for 75 years from the date of birth.

Only a qualified applicant can request a birth (within 75 years) – records older than 75 years can be obtained by anyone.

For individuals born in DeWitt County:

Birth records from 1903 to present are available
Some delayed birth certificates are available prior to 1903

For individuals born in other Texas counties:

Abstract birth certificates (short form birth certificates) can be accessed by the County Clerk's office via state system. The remote site access begins in 1926. Anyone needing a birth certificate prior to 1926 must contact the county of birth. Remote access is not available for those having a Delayed Birth Certificate. Some abstract birth certificates are not accepted for passport purposes.

To obtain a certified copy:

A qualified applicant may complete an application form including a copy of the applicant's current valid form of identification. Applications may be completed in the County Clerk's Office or requested by mail to: DeWitt County Clerk 102 N. Clinton St., Suite 120 Cuero, Texas 77954. **Qualified applicant's signature must be notarized on mail in applications for birth records.**

Qualified Applicant:

Self, Father (when listed on the record; if not listed, has a court order stating he is the father), Mother, Grandfather (see notation for father), Grandmother (see notation for father), Sibling, Spouse, Legal Guardian (a copy of the legal guardianship papers is required as proof), Legal Representative (document from the qualified applicant needed), a Local, State and Federal law enforcement or governmental agencies (by demonstrating a direct or tangible interest in the record when the information in the record is necessary to implement a statutory provision or to protect a personal legal property right).

Proper Identification:

Each applicant must present a current valid form of photo identification (government issued), such as driver's license, state issued identification card or other valid form of photo identification. If you do not have a valid photo ID or have questions about ID requirements, please call the County Clerk's office at 361-275-0864.

Method of payment:

Cash, check, or money order. Check or money order made payable to **DeWitt County Clerk.**