

Requirement for access to health information in the cause of death register (Dødsårsaksregisteret)

This form is used for requests for access to health information registered about the deceased in the Norwegian Cause of Death Register (Dødsårsaksregisteret). **If you only need confirmation that a death has occurred, without medical information, the District Court should be contacted (domstol.no).**

The deceased's next of kin have, unless there are special reasons against it, right to access information registered about the deceased in the Norwegian Cause of Death Register, cf. [the Cause of Death Register Regulations § 5-1](#). Who is considered the next of kin is defined in [Section 1-3 letter b of the Patient and User Rights Act](#).

For deaths after 1996, the Norwegian Institute of Public Health (NIPH) can provide a printout of the death certificate to the next of kin. The document contains information about the deceased, time and place of death, medical causes of death, circumstances surrounding the death and the name of the doctor who reported the death. **The Cause of Death Register does not contain death certificates for deaths prior to 1996.** If you wish to obtain a copy of a death certificate for deaths before 1996, the National Archives (nasjonalarkivet.no) must be contacted. For access requests concerning deaths from 1951 to 1995, we will provide a printout of any information that may be registered about the deceased in the Cause of Death Register.

It is important that all the fields in the form are filled in correctly. It is best to do this digitally. If you fill out the form by hand, it is important that you write clearly and in block letters. In addition to the completed application form, you must submit a copy of identification showing your name, photo, date of birth, and signature (for example, passport, driver's license, or national ID card). If you have never been resident in Norway or are not the deceased's spouse, child, sibling or parent, we ask that you submit documentation of your relationship to the deceased (for example a birth certificate, marriage certificate, or other relevant documentation that verifies that you are the deceased's next of kin). NIPH will confirm the details regarding the applicant and the deceased through verification in the National Population Register (Folkeregisteret), cf. [the Health Register Act § 24](#).

How to submit the form

Kindly submit the completed application form, a copy of identification and other relevant documentation to:

Norwegian Institute of Public Health, P.O. 222 Skøyen, N-0213 Oslo, Norway

Response to access request

Response to the request for access will be sent digitally if the applicant has a digital mailbox. If you have checked the box "The document is to be used abroad," the applicant will also receive a stamped and signed death certificate by mail to the applicant's registered address. If the applicant does not have a digital mailbox, the response will only be sent to the applicant's registered address.

NIPH shall respond to requests for access without undue delay and no later than 30 days from the day the request was received. If special circumstances make it impossible to respond to the request within 30 days, the response may be postponed until it is possible to provide an answer. In such cases, NIPH shall provide a preliminary response to the person requesting access, with information about the reason for the delay and the likely time when a response can be given, cf. [the Cause of Death Register Regulations § 5-2](#).

A copy of the death certificate is issued in Norwegian and is not translated into other languages. For translation into other languages, the applicant must contact a certified translator. If you are going to use the document abroad, it must have an apostille stamp from the County Governor (statsforvalteren.no). To obtain an apostille stamp, a signature and stamp from NIPH is sufficient. If the document is being translated by a certified translator, the document must first have notarization from the district court (domstol.no) before you can get an apostille stamp.

As the next of kin, I hereby request access to health information registered about the deceased in the Cause of Death Register.

Enter information about the deceased:

Name	Postal code
Birth number	Postal address
Street address	Country
Briefly explain your status as next of kin to the deceased:	

This document is to be used abroad:

Tick the box if the document is to be used abroad

Have you remembered to attach a copy of valid identification (passport/driver's license/national ID card)?

Tick the box to confirm that you have attached valid identification

The person who requires access must enter their information here:

Name	Postal code
Birth number	Postal address
Street address	Phone
E-mail	

Signature of the person requesting access:

Place	Date	Signature
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