

3.3 Reporting Requirements

In Alabama anyone can file for a birth certificate. You do not need a signature from a doctor or nurse. You can download a mail-in application, go in person to a county health department, or order one online. There is a fee associated with the document. A midwife can assist a family in filling these forms out or simply direct them to the appropriate website for information. [Birth Certificates | Alabama Department of Public Health \(ADPH\) \(alabamapublichealth.gov\)](https://alabamapublichealth.gov/birth-certificates/)

There is an Electronic Death Registration System (EDRS) in Alabama. Many medical providers are allowed to access this system and report deaths, including doctors, CRNPs and CNMs, but not CPMs at this time. This system allows information for death certificates to be submitted electronically making the whole process easier and quicker. Midwives would need to report a death to the local hospital or county health department and follow any instructions given.