

# APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY— MICHIGAN DIVORCE RECORD

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

## PART 1 – APPLICANT INFORMATION (PERSON FILLING OUT THIS FORM)

Applicant's  
 First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Daytime Phone w/ area code **\*Required** \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

## PART 2 – DIVORCE INFORMATION (TO LOCATE RECORD ON FILE)

The names of **both** spouses and **year** of divorce are required in order to complete the search. Do not leave these areas blank. If the month and day of divorce are unknown, we will search the entire year you provide. If you need additional years searched, please see **Part 5** for fee information.

DATE OF DIVORCE	Month:	Day:	Year:
SPOUSE A) Full Name at time of application for Divorce or Annulment	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	SPOUSE B) Full Name at time of application for Divorce or Annulment	
First                  Middle                  Last		First                  Middle                  Last	
PARENT/MOTHER'S NAME		PARENT/MOTHER'S NAME	
First                  Middle                  Last		First                  Middle                  Last	
PARENT/FATHER'S NAME		PARENT/FATHER'S NAME	
First                  Middle                  Last		First                  Middle                  Last	
COUNTY where Divorce or Annulment was granted			

## PART 3 – PURPOSE OF REQUEST

## PART 4 – APPLICANT SIGNATURE (PERSON FILLING OUT THIS FORM)

By signing, I understand I am agreeing to pay for a search of State of Michigan Vital Records. This does not guarantee that a record will be found. Falsifying an application for a vital record and/or assuming the identity of another person is subject to criminal penalties. Per MCL 333.2894(b) and 445.65.

**Your Signature:**

(Must be original in ink, by hand) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## PART 5 – PAYMENT

**Application Fee includes one Certified Copy or a No-Find Letter**

Base Fee (Includes one year search)	\$34.00	\$
Additional Years to Search (If exact divorce year is unknown)	Specify Years _____	\$12.00 per year \$
Additional Certified Copies	Specify Quantity _____	\$16.00 each \$
Expedited "Rush" Processing	Reduces in-office time. (Does not affect mail time to/from our office)	\$12.00 additional \$
CHECK or MONEY ORDER made out to the "State of Michigan" (Request will not be processed if payment is not included in envelope)	Total Amount Enclosed	\$

**SEE NEXT PAGE FOR PROCESSING TIMES AND MAILING ADDRESS**

## REQUESTING A MICHIGAN DIVORCE RECORD

The Michigan Vital Records Office has records of divorces that occurred in Michigan and were **filed** with the state since **1897**. Some records were not filed with the state. Divorce records are not restricted documents in Michigan. Anyone can request that a search be conducted if the application is completed, signed, and submitted with the required fee paid. **NOTE:** The State of Michigan will only have the record of divorce. If you need the actual judgement, contact the county where divorce occurred.

## PROCESSING TIMES FOR MAILED REQUESTS

### REGULAR SEARCH

Approximately 4 to 6 weeks of in-office processing time, depending on volume of requests received. Then sent via regular mail.

### EXPEDITED "RUSH" SEARCH

Approximately 2 to 3 weeks of in-office processing time, depending on volume of requests received. Then sent via regular mail.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Results are sent USPS First Class Mail, Pre-Paid envelopes will NOT be accepted

If you find that the above processing times do not meet your needs, please visit [www.michigan.gov/vitalrecords](http://www.michigan.gov/vitalrecords) or call our Eligibility Unit at **517-335-8666** to speak with a customer service representative about available options.

## MAIL APPLICATION (WITH CHECK OR MONEY ORDER)

**REGULAR MAIL TO:**  
Vital Records Requests  
P.O. Box 30721  
Lansing MI 48909

**RUSH MAIL TO:**  
Vital Records RUSH  
P.O. Box 30721  
Lansing MI 48909

## ALTERNATIVE ORDERING OPTIONS

### ONLINE

Visit [www.michigan.gov/vitalrecords](http://www.michigan.gov/vitalrecords) to place an online order via VitalChek. There is an additional \$14.00 processing fee.

There is an optional UPS Air delivery fee of \$19.75, Rush processing would also be added, and the record would be received in approx. 1 to 3 business days.

A credit or debit card is required for payment at the time of ordering online. VitalChek is the **ONLY** authorized service provider for online ordering for the State of Michigan Vital Records Office.

### PHONE

Call **866-443-9897** to place a phone order via VitalChek. There is an additional \$14.00 processing fee.

There is an optional UPS Air delivery fee of \$19.75, Rush processing would also be added, and the record would be received in approx. 1 to 3 business days.

A credit or debit card is required for payment at the time of placing your phone order. VitalChek is the **ONLY** authorized service provider for the State of Michigan Vital Records Office.

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