

SAME SEX PARENTAGE ON BIRTH RECORDS

The Department of State Health Services, Vital Statistics Unit has completed the initial system upgrade to allow for the recording of same gender parents on birth records. Additional upgrades will be rolled out over the next several weeks to complete the necessary changes. These instructions will assist birth registrars on how to use TER in the interim.

If parents of the same gender report as being married or if they have a court ordered gestational agreement establishing them as intended parents, both parents may be listed on the birth certificate.

- When obtaining the parent's information, please ask them what title they would like on the birth record as the parent: Mother / Father / Parent. *Note: The titles you select in this step will be what appears on the birth record and the Verification of Birth Facts. These are examples of how this will print on the certificate.*

10. Mother's Name Prior to First Marriage			First	Middle	Last	11. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	12. B
13a. Residence - State	13b. County	13c. City, Town or Location		13d. Street Address or P			
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10. Father's Name Prior to First Marriage			First	Middle	Last	11. Date of Birth (mm/dd/	Signature of State P
13a. Residence - State	13b. County	13c. City, Town or Location		13d. Street			
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10. Parent's Name Prior to First Marriage			First	Middle	Last	11. Date of Birth (mm/d	
13a. Residence - State	13b. County	13c. City, Town or Location		13d. Stree			
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- General Tab 1:

“Mother’s Legal Name”

This will automatically default to the title *MOTHER*. For same sex parentage, please select the title the parent provided in step 1.

State:

Mother's Current Legal Name

Title Preference: First Name:

MOTHER

MOTHER

FATHER **Name**

PARENT

First Name:

3. Mother 1 tab:

For all items that will be listed on the legal portion of birth record (date of birth, state/country of birth), enter the information of the person listed in Step 3 above.

Mother's SSN: Enter the social security number of the parent listed in Step 3 above.

Mother's Education, Occupation, Type of Business, Race, Hispanic Origin: enter the birth mother's (the woman who gave birth to the child) information in these fields if available.

4. Mother 2 Tab:

Enter the birth mother's information for *Mother's Health Information* and *Cigarette Smoking Before and During Pregnancy*.

Mother's Health Information		Cigarette Smoking Before and During Pregnancy			
Did Mother Receive WIC Food For Herself Because she was pregnant with this child? <input type="text"/>		Three Months Before -	Cigs / Day: <input type="text"/>	Packs / Day: <input type="text"/>	
Mother's Weight (Pounds)		First Three Months -	Cigs / Day: <input type="text"/>	Packs / Day: <input type="text"/>	
Prepregnancy: <input type="text"/>		Second Three Months -	Cigs / Day: <input type="text"/>	Packs / Day: <input type="text"/>	
Mother's Height (Feet : <input type="text"/> Inches): <input type="text"/>	At Delivery: <input type="text"/>	Third Trimester -	Cigs / Day: <input type="text"/>	Packs / Day: <input type="text"/>	
Mother's Information					

For Marital Status you would select Currently Married. For Acknowledgement of Paternity select "No." This will allow you to enter another parent's name in Father 1 Tab.

Marital Status: CURRENTLY MARRIED

Married within 300 days? YES

AOP: NO

Enter the parent's name prior to first marriage (the name that is on their birth certificate) in the Mother's Name Prior to Her First Marriage section:

Mother's Name Prior to Her First Marriage

First Name:	Middle Name:	Last Name:	Suffix:

5. Father 1 Tab:

Select the Title the parent indicated and the enter the parent's name prior to first marriage (the name that is on their birth certificate)

The screenshot shows a form titled "Father's Current Legal Name". It contains the following fields:

- Title Preference:** A dropdown menu with a yellow background. The current selection is "FATHER" (highlighted in blue). Other visible options are "MOTHER", "FATHER", and "PARENT".
- Middle Name:** A text input field with a light blue background.
- Last Name:** A text input field with a light blue background.
- Suffix:** A dropdown menu with a light blue background.

The title you select will be what appears on the birth record and the Verification of Birth Facts as in step 5.

Enter that person's information in *date of birth, state of birth, father's SSN, Father's Education, Occupation, Type of Business, Race, and Hispanic Origin.*

6. For Medical 1 and Medical 2 tabs, list the birth mother's information.

If you have further questions regarding policy and procedure call or email the Field Services Team:
Fieldservices@dshs.texas.gov or 512-776-3010.

If you have any technical questions or issues please contact the TER help desk:
Help-ter@dshs.texas.gov or 512-776-3490.