

Changes to the Demographic Portion of the Vermont Death Certificate as of July 1, 2008

The following are questions that either were not included in past death reporting or are presented in a way that is different than in the past. If you have questions or are unsure about how to address a specific field, please contact Vital Records. Many answers can also be found in the CDC publication *Funeral Directors' Handbook on Death Registration and Fetal Death Reporting* (2003 Revision). While this does not cover Vermont specific questions, it does address many of the new questions since these are based on the 2003 U.S. Standard Death Certificate. Copies may be obtained from Vital Records. It is also available on line at: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/vital_certs_rev.htm. You will find it listed under "Handbooks for Death Certificate".

New Questions

- ALIASES (*Any other names the decedent used or was known as*)
- EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? Yes No (From U.S. Standard Certificate of Death)
- *VETERAN OF ANY WAR? Yes No
- *IF SO, WHAT WAR?
*These questions exist on the current death certificate, but will be split into two questions on the new form. They are required to be asked by Vermont Statute and provide additional details about the career of someone who was in the armed forces
- DID DECEDENT RECEIVE HOSPICE CARE? (*In past 30 days*) Yes No Unknown
- VERMONT LICENSE NUMBER (funeral service licensee) (From U.S. Standard Certificate of Death)

Revised Questions with Check Boxes for More Specific Responses

MARITAL STATUS AT TIME OF DEATH

- Married Married, but separated Civil Union Widowed
 Divorced Civil Union dissolution Never Married or in Civil Union

DECEDENT'S EDUCATION LEVEL

- 8th grade or less Associate degree (e.g., AA, AS)
 9th – 12th grade; no diploma Bachelor's degree (e.g., BA, AB, BS)
 High school graduate or GED completed Master's degree (e.g., MA, MS, MEng, MEd, MSW, MBA)
 Some college credit, but no degree Doctorate (e.g., PhD, EdD) or
Professional degree (e.g., MD, DDS, DVM, LLB, JD)

DECEDENT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN?

- No, not Spanish/Hispanic/Latina/Latino Yes, Cuban
 Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, Chicana/Chicano Yes, other Spanish/Hispanic/Latina/Latino
 Yes, Puerto Rican

DECEDENT'S RACE (Check one or more...)

- White Asian Indian Korean Native Hawaiian Other _____
 Black or African American Chinese Vietnamese Guamanian or Chamorro
 American Indian or Alaska Native Filipino Other Asian Samoan
 Japanese Other Pacific Islander

PLACE OF DEATH

If Death Occurred In A Hospital

- Inpatient Emergency Room/Outpatient
 Dead on Arrival

If Death Occurred Somewhere Other Than A Hospital

- Nursing Home/Long Term Care Facility Decedent's Home
 Hospice Facility Other _____