



Register a Birth: The 42-Day and 90-Day Checklist

Description

Register every birth in Singapore through LifeSG within 42 days and pay the S\$18 fee. After ICA notifies you, download the digital birth certificate within 90 days and save protected copies; a later birth extract is a separate, chargeable route.

A parent registering a child born in Singapore needs one outcome: complete birth registration and securely retrieve the digital certificate without missing either deadline.

Run the two birth deadlines

Situation	Practical next step
Child was born in Singapore	Register through LifeSG within 42 days
Child was born overseas	Register with the foreign authority; Singapore does not register overseas births
Newborn certificate is ready	Download from ICA within 90 days and store it securely
Certificate was not saved or is unavailable	Use ICA's birth-extract or assistance route, not a fabricated copy

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Count from the correct event

[ICA birth registration and digital certificate guide](#): LifeSG registration within 42 days, S\$18 fee, processing, 90-day download and foreign-national steps. [ICA digital birth extract guide](#): Replacement extract route, fees, processing and 30-day download after approval.

The first deadline is registration

ICA says all births in Singapore must be registered within 42 days via LifeSG, regardless of the parents' immigration or marital status. Gather parent identity and any required marriage or translated documents early. Do not wait for a hospital counter; hospitals no longer provide the registration service. [ICA birth registration and digital certificate guide](#).

Check names before paying

Review the child's English and any ethnic name characters, parent particulars and supporting translations. ICA accepts defined certified translations and may request more evidence. The current fee is S\$18, payable during LifeSG registration by the offered electronic methods. [ICA birth registration and digital certificate guide](#).

The second deadline starts after notification

Successful online cases may be notified shortly, while those needing verification can take longer. Once notified, parents have 90 days to download the digital certificate through ICA. Calendar the date and retrieve the official file rather than relying on a notification screenshot. [ICA birth registration and digital certificate guide](#).

Foreign-national children have linked tasks

ICA says parents of a child who is not a Singapore citizen should apply for the child's passport through the relevant embassy or high commission within 42 days after birth, after receiving the certificate, and arrange the appropriate immigration pass. The issuing mission and ICA control the real sequence. [ICA birth registration and digital certificate guide](#).

Store the certificate as a sensitive record

Save the PDF in encrypted or access-controlled storage, make a protected backup and share only through a verified recipient route. If a later extract is needed, ICA's separate service has its own fee, processing period and 30-day download window after approval. [ICA digital birth extract guide](#).

Prepare acceptable translations before submission

For documents not in English, ICA requires an official translation and a certified true copy of the original. It accepts translations produced by the issuing country's embassy, by a notary public in Singapore or the issuing country, or by a private translator when the translation is attested by that embassy or notarised by such a notary. ICA does not endorse private translation companies. Match every translated page to its original and check names, dates and document numbers before upload; incomplete documentation can lead to non-acceptance or requests for more evidence. [ICA birth registration and digital certificate guide](#).

A later replacement is a birth extract, not a re-download

If the certificate is later lost or damaged, an eligible applicant can request a digital birth extract. ICA lists a S\$40 non-refundable application fee, a general processing time of within six working days and a 30-day download period after approval. A search is different: it is used when required birth particulars are unavailable, carries fees based on the search period and generally takes within three weeks, sometimes longer. Store the original certificate during its 90-day window so the family does not incur a replacement application simply because the download was missed. [ICA digital birth extract guide](#).

Two reminders for one birth

A child is born on 1 August. Day 42 falls on 11 September in a simple inclusive calendar check that the parents confirm in LifeSG. After ICA's notification, they create a separate 90-day download reminder. The dates are an illustrative planning calculation.

Newborn certificate is ready: Download from ICA within 90 days and store it securely. **Certificate was not saved or is unavailable:** Use ICA's birth-extract or assistance route, not a fabricated copy.

Secure the digital certificate

1. Start LifeSG registration promptly
2. Prepare IDs and certified translations
3. Verify names and particulars
4. Pay the S\$18 registration fee
5. Download within 90 days of notification
6. Store protected copies and plan passport/pass

Birth-certificate handling risks

- Waiting for hospital registration
- Counting 90 days from birth
- Using a notification screenshot as the certificate
- Sending the PDF through an unverified channel
- Ignoring foreign-national passport and pass steps

Continue the family paperwork

After Register a Birth: The 42-Day and 90-Day Checklist, [check the child's later LifeSG credit](#). Then [build the vaccination record for a child](#). Both resolve a different task from register birth Singapore 42 days digital certificate 90 days.

Questions readers ask about register birth Singapore 42 days digital certificate 90 days

Where is a Singapore birth registered?

Through LifeSG, not at the hospital. [ICA birth registration and digital certificate guide](#).

What is the current fee?

ICA states S\$18 for registration and the digital certificate. [ICA digital birth extract guide](#).

How long is the download window?

Ninety days after ICA notifies you that the certificate is ready. [ICA birth registration and digital certificate guide](#).

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