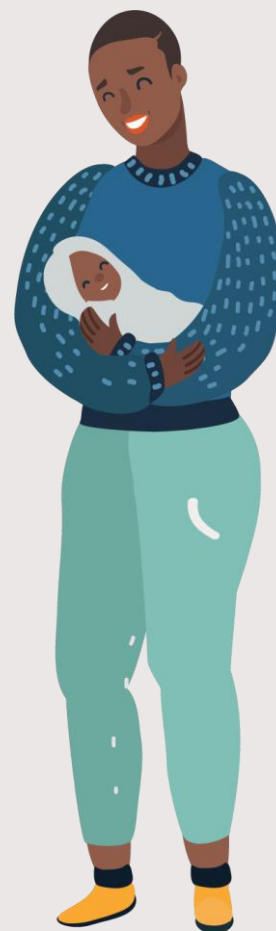




HOW TO REGISTER YOUR BABY'S BIRTH



REMEMBER:

- It is important to make sure that your baby has a birth certificate
- You can sometimes register your baby at the hospital you give birth in – ask what days Home Affairs is at the hospital to register births
PLEASE NOTE: during COVID-19 Home Affairs is not going into hospitals to register births
- If you can not register your baby's birth at the hospital, you must register your baby within 30 days of birth at Home Affairs
- All babies have a right to a birth certificate, even if you are not South African
- The Road to Health book is not proof of identity

HOW TO REGISTER YOUR BABY AT THE DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS (DHA):

- Only the person legally responsible for the baby can register the baby
- Fill in the BI-24 form (in black ink only) that you collect from the DHA (you can collect it, fill it in & submit it on the same day if you wish or take it home to fill in & return another day)
- Take your ID
- Take the father's ID
- Take a copy of your marriage certificate (if applicable)
- If you are married, register the baby with the surname of the father
- If you are not married, register the baby with the surname of the mother
- You can register the baby with the father's surname only if the biological father provides acknowledgement that he is the father of the baby, and if both the father and mother consent to the baby being registered with the father's surname in the presence of a Home Affairs official
- All newborn babies get an unabridged birth certificate which contains information of the father, mother, and their ID numbers – this has been changed to be called "birth certificate" but it is the same thing
- You will get the birth certificate 1 or 2 days after the registration application has been submitted
- Registering your baby's birth does not cost – it is free!