



## Abstract of Death FAQ'S

- **How is an Abstract of Death Certificate different from a Death Certificate?**
  - The Abstract of Death Certificate will provide all the same information found on a death certificate, but the abstract will not have any cause of death information.
- **When will the Abstract of Death be issued?**
  - The abstract of death will only be issued if a death certificate has a state file number and is queried to the medical certifier due to a pending investigation. If there is not a pending investigation and a state file number has been assigned a full death certificate will **always** be issued.
- **Once the investigation is complete can we exchange the Abstract of Death for the Death Certificate?**
  - No. If a full death certificate is needed once the cause of death is complete a new request will need to be submitted along with the fees.
- **How much is the Abstract of Death?**
  - The fee for the abstract is 16.00 per certified copy.
- **How does this change benefit Nebraskans and families of the decedent?**
  - The Abstract of Death will allow families to establish the fact of death. This certificate can be used to start settling estates (i.e., closing bank account or transferring car titles). The abstract of death will not work for anything if a cause of death is required (i.e., a life insurance policy).
- **Is there a separate application for the Abstract of Death?**
  - No. The abstract of death will automatically be issued if the certificate is pending investigation.
- **If a certificate was pending investigation prior to 07/19/2024, can an Abstract of Death still be issued?**
  - Yes. You will just need to submit a request along with the required fees.
- **If a request for a certificate was placed prior to 07/19/2024, but it is still pending will a Abstract of Death be issued automatically.**
  - No. You will need to contact our office and request that your pending order be issued as an Abstract of Death. If our office is not contacted we will issue the full certificate when the investigation is complete.