

What is the NYS EDRS?

The Electronic Death Registration System (EDRS) is a secure web-based system used to electronically register death certificates across New York State (excluding the 5 boroughs).

Why have an EDRS?

The primary purpose of an EDRS is to enable multiple death registration system users - funeral firms, hospitals, nursing homes, physicians, and medical examiners and coroners - to file death records electronically with local and state registrars, within the required 72 hour window after a death occurs.

An EDRS provides on-line access, so that decedent fact-of-death and cause-of-death information can be completed by appropriate parties involved with the completion of death certificates, to work on the same case, without the need for a physical paper trail.

- Authorized facility staff can enter data for an assigned case to expedite processing.
- Medical professionals and certifiers can receive electronic notifications for improved communication with signing paper records.
- Funeral directors can generate the burial transit permit directly from the electronic record and are better able to serve families by obtaining copies of death certificates with fewer errors faster and more efficiently.

Request Access to NYS EDRS

Access to EDRS is through the New York State, Department of Health (DOH) Health Commerce System (HCS).

HCS accounts are maintained either directly by DOH or through your organization's HCS Coordinator. To establish your account in HCS, do one of the following:

- If you are a medical certifier or authorized staff at a health facility (hospital), contact the Commerce Accounts Management Unit (CAMU) by phone at 1-866-529-1890.
- If you are a funeral director or funeral firm staff, contact your firm's HCS Coordinator or the DOH EDRS team at edrs@health.ny.gov.
- If you are a local registrar, deputy registrar or sub-registrar, contact the DOH EDRS team at edrs@health.ny.gov.



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EDRS

New York State's Electronic Death Registration System for

- Funeral Directors and Funeral Firm staff
- Physicians and Medical Facility staff
- Coroners and Medical Examiners
- Local Registrars, Deputy Registrars and Sub-Registrars
- State Vital Records staff

- ✓ Secure, paperless Death Certificate filing
- ✓ On-line collaboration for complete and accurate data and quick certification
- ✓ Electronic authentication to prevent fraud
- ✓ Improved disease tracking for public health purposes
- ✓ Electronic trade call support between funeral firms
- ✓ Real-time SSN verification with Social Security Administration files*
- ✓ Electronic ordering of certified copies

**Real-time SSN verification to be implemented at a future date*

