

## Access EDRS

1. Log in to HCS at [https://commerce.health.state.ny.us/public/hcs\\_login.html](https://commerce.health.state.ny.us/public/hcs_login.html)
2. Enter your **User ID** and **Password**, then click **Sign In**.
3. Click on **EDRS** from your application list.
4. Click on your office for the case you are entering.  
**Note:** If you are associated with more than one office, be sure to select the office the case is affiliated with, or you will not be able to fully access the case.

## Start/Edit New Case

Done any time before signing certificate.

1. Click the **Death Start/Edit New Case** button or select **Life Events > Death > Start/Edit New Case** from the menu bar.
2. Enter the required information for **First** name, **Last** name, **Date of Death**, and **Sex**.
3. Click **Search**.
4. If no record appears, or possible duplicate cases display but are not your case, click **Start New Case**.
5. If the record appears, click on decedent's name to access the existing case.

## Locate a Case You Own

Use this feature to find cases you started in EDRS or have been assigned to you by another party in the process.

1. Select **Life Events > Death > Locate Case** from the menu bar.
2. Enter decedent information.  
(Must match data entry exactly)
3. Click **Search**.
4. Click on decedent's name to access the existing case.

## Enter Death Certificate Information

1. Complete *and validate* each page under the *Medical Certification* section.\*
2. Once all information is entered, click on the *Certify* page now appearing in the *Medical Certification* section.
3. Read the **Affirmation** statement and then click on the checkbox.
4. Click **Affirm**.



\* Any **Manner of Death** other than 'natural' must be certified by a Medical Examiner.

## Making Corrections After Certifying, Before Registered

Corrections can be made any time before a case you own is registered and if you have not dropped to paper.

1. Access the case in EDRS using either the **Locate Case** button or **Life Events > Death > Locate Case** from the menu bar.
2. Go to the *Certify* page and click **Uncertify**.
3. Click **OK** in the confirmation message pop-up box.
4. Make necessary changes and click **Validate Page**.
5. Go to the *Certify* page, then read the **Affirmation** statement and click on the checkbox.
6. Click **Affirm**.

**Note:** Any corrections needed after the certificate is registered are to be submitted to the local Registrar on paper.

### Validation and Stoplight Rules

You have the option to validate each page after entering fact-of-death information. The system will check for errors. Icons appear to the left of each page in the *Death Registration Menu* (left navigation bar).

✖ **Red X:** Information is still needed on this page; it is incomplete.

● **Yellow dot:** Information is complete on this page, however some field entries were overridden. This may happen if information is not known at the time of data entry or the data entered is accurate but conflicts with EDRS system rules.

✔ **Green check:** Information is complete and acceptable for this page.

Make appropriate edits or necessary overrides and repeat page validation. All icons must be green or yellow to sign the certificate.

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## View Your Queue Summary

You can only monitor your workload of the cases you own through your queue.

1. Click the **Registration Work Queue Summary** button or select **Queues > Registration Work Queue Summary** from the menu bar.
2. From this summary page, click on the **Queue Name** (category) for which you would like to see your cases.
3. Click on the **Decedent Name** on which you are working. Alternately, you can check the box to the left of the desired case and select an action below the list, such as *Add Comments*.

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## Transfer a Case

You may need to transfer a case you started to another medical certifier other than a medical examiner.

1. Access the case in EDRS.
2. Click *Transfer Case* in the *Other Links* section of the left navigation bar.
3. Check the **Transfer Medical Ownership To:** box.
4. Click on the eraser (pencil icon) to remove your facility.
5. Use the Lookup tool (magnifying glass icon) to locate the new owner of the case.
6. Add any notations to the message and click **Save**.

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## Relinquish a Case

1. Access the case in EDRS.
2. Click *Relinquish Case* in the *Other Links* section of the left navigation bar.
3. In the *Relinquish Case* pop-up box, click **OK**.

**Note:** If you relinquish a case, you will no longer be able to access this case.

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## Print Forms

- **Drop to Paper:** Converts certificate completion to paper version. Case cannot be completed electronically once this is selected.
- **Working Copy:** Can be used to review case as Death Certificate format.

### Things to Remember

If you are affiliated with more than one facility, make sure you select the appropriate office when accessing EDRS.

It is very important to fully complete the Cause of Death section of the death certificate.

You cannot make changes to, relinquish, or transfer a case if you have already certified the case. You have to 'uncertify' the case first.

Once you start a case, it cannot be deleted.

You can override some data entry rules, but it is not suggested.

*Drop to Paper* is a last resort!

Avoid typing text in fields that have the Lookup Tool (magnifying glass) available. Search using the Lookup Tool, and add a wildcard character (%) before and/or after your search text to find more possible results.