



## Information for pregnant donor recipients – required steps to be issued a birth certificate



### Congratulations on your pregnancy!

Here is some important information about the steps required after your child's birth in order to be issued a birth certificate.

#### Notifying your clinic of the birth

When your baby arrives, you need to notify your fertility clinic so they can provide paperwork required for a birth certificate. A birth certificate from the Victorian Register of Births Deaths and Marriages (BDM) is an important document for your child's identity and will provide access to government funded services such as Medicare, Centrelink, schools, and a passport.

You must also apply to register the birth with BDM:  
<https://www.bdm.vic.gov.au/baby>

Once you have notified your clinic of the birth, the clinic will report the birth to VARTA and confirm the donor(s) involved. VARTA then reports this information to BDM. Once this occurs, BDM can issue your baby a birth certificate.

**Please note that if you don't notify your clinic of the birth, Births Deaths and Marriages Victoria cannot issue a birth certificate.**

#### Donor Conception Central Register

Once your child is born and your fertility clinic notifies VARTA of the birth, we will create a record of the birth. This record will include the details of your child, you, your partner (if any) and the donor(s) which will be placed on the Central Register. If at any stage your or your child's name or contact details change, please let VARTA know so that we can update the register. For more information about the Central Register and your rights to access information, visit  
<https://www.varta.org.au/donor-conception-register-services>



### What to do when your baby arrives

- 1 Your baby is born
- 2 Notify your fertility clinic of the birth
- 3 Apply to register your child's birth with BDM
- 4 Your fertility clinic will notify VARTA of your child's birth
- 5 VARTA will record the details of the birth on the Central Register
- 6 VARTA will verify the birth with BDM
- 7 BDM can issue the birth certificate
- 8 Keep VARTA updated with any changes to your contact details

