

Birth registration

Birth registration is a mandatory procedure that must be carried out by the parents after collecting the birth certificate from the Labor/Delivery Unit:

- **within 3 days of the birth**, at the Medical Directorate (Direzione Medica) (via Corridoni 16, 1° floor), at the dedicated Birth Registration Office, open from Monday to Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- **within 10 days** at the civil registry office of the municipality where the child was born or the municipality of residence of the mother.

If the parents intend to register the birth at the municipal office rather than at the hospital, they must **still** go to the hospital's Birth Registration Office during opening hours.

Birth registration formalizes the birth of a child in the municipal registry and allows for their recognition as a citizen.

This procedure is necessary for the newborn to have access to the rights and services related to their birth: Health Insurance Card, Italian fiscal code, pediatrician, nursery school, etc.

To register a birth, **valid IDs for both parents (Identity Card or passport) are required.**

Assigning last and first name to the newborn

The parents of an Italian newborn may, by mutual agreement, choose to give their child both their surnames, in the order they wish, or only the surname of one of them, thus ensuring equality between parents (Constitutional Court ruling no. 131 of 2022).

The newborn must be given a name corresponding to their sex.

The name can consist of up to three elements, possibly separated by a comma, but this is not mandatory: if a comma is used, the actual name will be the one preceding the comma.

It is forbidden to give a child the same name as their living father or sibling, a surname as a first name, or ridiculous or shameful names (Article 34 of Presidential Decree 369/2000).

Married parents

The birth registration can be made by one parent only, provided that they have a valid identification document belonging to the other parent and present the declaration of attribution of the surname to the newborn, signed by the parent who is not present at the time (with a photocopy of their identity document attached).

Not married parents

The birth must be registered in the presence of both parents, who must bring valid IDs.