RCW 70.58A.560 Fees for certifications or informational copies 
of vital records—Exceptions. (1) The department and local registrars 
shall charge a fee of twenty-five dollars for a certification or 
informational copy of a vital record or for a search of the vital 
records system when no matching record was identified, except as 
provided in subsection (2) of this section.

(2) The department and local registrars may not charge a fee for 
issuing a certification of:
   (a) A vital record for use in connection with a claim for 
       compensation or pension pending before the veterans administration;
   (b) The death of a sex offender, for use by a law enforcement 
       agency in maintaining a registered sex offender database; or
   (c) The death of any offender, requested by a county clerk or 
       court in the state for purposes of extinguishing the offender's legal 
       financial obligation.

(3) The department may not charge a fee for issuing a birth 
certification for homeless persons as defined in RCW 43.185C.010 
living in state.

(4) The department and local registrars may charge an electronic 
payment fee, in addition to the twenty-five dollar fee for 
certification and informational copy of vital records or for a search 
of the vital records system, in cases where payment is made by credit 
card, charge card, debit card, smart card, stored value card, federal 
wire, automatic clearinghouse system, or other electronic 
communication.

(5) Local registrars shall keep a true and correct account of all 
fees received under this section for the issuance of certifications 
and informational copies.

(6) A portion of the twenty-five dollar fee collected by the 
local registrars must be transmitted to the state treasurer on a 
monthly basis as follows:
   (a) Thirteen dollars for each birth certification and birth 
       informational copy issued;
   (b) Thirteen dollars for each first copy of a death certification 
       and death informational copy; and
   (c) Twenty dollars for each additional death certification and 
       death informational copy.

(7) For each fee turned over to the state treasurer by the local 
registrars, the state treasurer shall:
   (a) Pay the department two dollars of each fee for birth 
certifications and birth informational copies and first copies of 
death certifications and death informational copies;
   (b) Pay the department nine dollars of each fee for additional 
death certifications and death informational copies; and
   (c) Hold eleven dollars of each fee in the death investigations 
account established under RCW 43.79.445, except for an heirloom birth 
certification issued under RCW 70.58A.530.

(8) Eleven dollars of the twenty-five dollar fee collected by the 
department for certifications and informational copies issued by the 
department must be transmitted to the state treasurer for the death 
investigations account established under RCW 43.79.445.

(9) The department of children, youth, and families shall set a 
fee for an heirloom birth certification established under RCW 
70.58A.530 for the children's trust fund established under RCW 
43.121.100. The department shall collect the fee established under 
this subsection when issuing an heirloom birth certification and
transmit the fees collected to the state treasurer for credit to the children's trust fund.  [2019 c 148 § 24.]