



Congratulations

You receive this letter as a parent to a newborn child.

In relation to the registration of a child born in Denmark there are certain matters you need to be aware of, most of which you can read about in this letter. If your specific situation is not mentioned in this letter, please find more information on the following websites: personregistrering.dk, lifeindenmark.dk, borger.dk or familieretshuset.dk.

When a child is born, certain information must be registered in the CPR-Register:

- Birth
- Paternity/co-motherhood
- Name for the child

Birth

The birth is registered based on the midwife's review that is sent to your parish or your municipality if you live in the Southern part of Jutland. This authority is responsible for registering the birth. When the birth is registered the birth mother is automatically registered as parent.

Paternity/Co-motherhood

The other parent can be registered in different ways depending on the marital status of the mother at the time of birth.

- **If the birth mother is married**, the spouse will automatically be registered with joint custody.
- **If the birth mother is not married**, but wishes to share the parental responsibilities with the other parent, you must complete a Declaration for Joint Care and Responsibility (in Danish "Omsorgs- og Ansvarserklæring") that you will find on borger.dk. Once it is signed by both parents, the other parent will be registered and as such shares the parental responsibilities. The declaration must be completed and signed by both parents within 28 days from the time of birth. If later than 28 days, the Agency of Family Law will be informed, and they will contact the birth mother.
- If you have completed the declaration before giving birth, you have received a decision from the Agency of Family Law ("Familieretshuset") by Digital Post. Your local parish will not receive this notice automatically and you must therefore send it to them. (please be aware that you must not send the decision before the child is born).

Other situations

The birth mother's present spouse is *not* automatically registered as the other parent if:

- The birth mother is separated at the time of birth.
- The birth mother has been married to another person within the last 10 months before the birth.

In these cases, the Agency of Family Law will be informed. The Agency of Family Law will then contact the birth mother.

If no other parent to the child is registered 28 days after the birth at the latest, the Agency of Family Law will contact the birth mother.

Naming your child

Your child must be named before it is six months old. The parent(s) who has/have the parental responsibility must apply. There are two possible procedures:

- **Civil procedure:** the parent(s) complete(s) a digital application on borger.dk. If you share the parental responsibilities, you must both sign the application.
- **Naming at christening in the Danish National Church:** Contact the priest or parish where the child will be christened. The relevant contact information is available on sogn.dk. However, if the child is born in the Southern part of Jutland ("Sønderjylland") the child cannot be named at christening. The child must be named before the christening.

Rules of names: For further reading, please find the rules that apply to names and procedures of naming on the website of the Agency of Family Law, familieretshuset.dk.

Further information

- The child's health insurance card "Sundhedskort" will be sent to the parent(s) once the child's name is registered in the CPR-Register. You can find your child's health insurance card in the health insurance card app "Sundhedskort" where you can also choose whether you wish to receive a new physical health insurance card for your child automatically e.g. at any change of address. Please find more on the subject on lifeindenmark.dk
- Your child will be registered with a Danish citizenship if one of the parents has a Danish citizenship at the time of birth.
- If you are a parent with foreign nationality and have permanent residence in Denmark, you can read more about applying for a residence permit/EU residence document for your child in Denmark on the immigration authorities' website (Ny I Danmark). In this context, the immigration authorities will also consider your child's citizenship. If your child is born stateless in Denmark, your child can acquire Danish citizenship under more lenient rules. On the website, you can also find contact information for the immigration authorities.
- If you need a Certificate of Personal Data on your child, you can read about ordering the certificate on personregistrering.dk
- You can find more information about how to achieve a passport for your child on borger.dk.

Questions

If there are any questions to this letter, please contact your parish or municipality if you are unable to use a digital application for any reason. Please find the contact information by searching on your address in Denmark on borger.personregistrering.dk.

For further reading on birth registration, please find information on personregistrering.dk.

Rules

You will find rules on birth registration on personregistrering.dk.

