


## STATE REGISTRAR NOTICE

<b>Subject:</b> Use of Alias or AKA (Also Known As) in a Vital Record	<b>Type:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Transitory	<b>Number:</b>  <b>2019-17</b>
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### Notice:

The purpose of this State Registrar Notice is to clarify if and how an alias or AKA (Also Known As) would be included in a birth or death record.

#### Birth Records

A birth record may not include an alias or AKA. It will not be accepted when the birth is originally reported by the birthing facility or other certifier. An alias or AKA will also not be accepted as an amendment or correction to an existing birth record. Birth certificates require legal names to be used as they are core identity documents and aliases cannot be part of a legal name.<sup>1</sup> Therefore, this information will not be part of the official birth record and will not be printed on a birth certificate.

#### Death Records

A death record may include an alias. If the decedent has an alias, the entity reporting the death case should obtain it from the informant. A Quick Reference Sheet (QRS-2057, Entering an Alias) published in the [“Electronic Death Registration System \(EDRS\) User Guide: Funeral Homes”](#) is available to reference when entering an alias in EDRS. If reported, the alias will display on the death certificate.

### Contact Information:

Vital Events Stakeholder Hotline: 800-323-9613

Email: [ra-dhBirthReg@pa.gov](mailto:ra-dhBirthReg@pa.gov) (for questions about birth reporting)

[ra-dhDeathSupport@pa.gov](mailto:ra-dhDeathSupport@pa.gov) (for questions about death reporting)

<sup>1</sup> The use of an alias as part of a legal name is against the public interest. *See In re Temes*, 82 Pa. D. & C.4th 323, 327 (Com. Pl. 2006).