

**144.15 Delayed registrations of birth.**

1. When the birth of a person born in this state has not been registered, a certificate may be filed in accordance with regulations. The certificate shall be registered subject to evidentiary requirements prescribed to substantiate the alleged facts of birth. Certificates of birth registered one year or more after the date of occurrence shall be marked “delayed” and shall show on their face the date of the delayed registration. A summary statement of the evidence submitted in support of the delayed registration shall be endorsed on the certificate. A delayed certificate of birth shall not be registered for a deceased person.

2. When an applicant does not submit the substantiating evidence required for delayed registration or when the state registrar finds reason to question the validity or adequacy of the evidence, the state registrar shall not register the delayed certificate and shall advise the applicant of the reasons for this action. The registration official shall advise the applicant of the applicant’s right of appeal to the district court pursuant to [sections 144.17](#) and [144.18](#), which sections shall be applicable to such appeal notwithstanding the terms of the Iowa administrative procedure Act, [chapter 17A](#).

3. The department may by regulation provide for the dismissal of an application which is not actively prosecuted.

[C71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §144.15]

[97 Acts, ch 159, §13](#); [2003 Acts, ch 44, §114](#); [2017 Acts, ch 54, §76](#)

Referred to in [§144.17](#), [144.25](#), [331.611](#)