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How long is the validity period of a civil registration document?

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In general, civil registration documents (extracts and full copies) are valid regardless of their date of issue.

birth certificate ([https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1427?](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1427?lang=en)
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marriage ([https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1432?](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1432?lang=en)
lang=en) or
death ([https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1444?](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1444?lang=en)
lang=en) shall remain valid until the elements contained therein have been amended.

However, for the most common procedures, a recent birth certificate is required.

Approach	Date of issue of birth certificate
National identity card	Maximum 3 months
Passport	Maximum 3 months
Wedding	3 months maximum if the service issuing the document is French 6 months maximum if the service issuing the document is foreign (there is no time limit if the country system does not provide for the updating of acts).
Pacs	3 months maximum if the service issuing the document is French 6 months maximum if the service issuing the document is foreign

Statute and miscellaneous references

Civil Code: Articles 63 to 76

- (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/id/LEGISCTA000006136104>)
Rule 70

Code of Public-Administration Relations: Articles R113-5 to R113-9 ([http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichCode.do?](http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichCode.do?idSectionTA=LEGISCTA000031370017&cidTexte=LEGITEXT000031366350)

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Rule R113-7

Decree No. 2005-1726 of 30 December 2005 on passports: Article 5 - Parts to be supplied for a first application

- (https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/article_lc/LEGIARTI000033333825)

Decree No. 55-1397 of 22 October 1955 on identity cards: Article 4 - Parts to be supplied for a first application

- (https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/article_lc/LEGIARTI000034729485)

Circular of 10 May 2017 on the transfer of the Pacs to civil registration officers (PDF - 469.6 KB)

- (http://www.textes.justice.gouv.fr/art_pix/JUSC1711700C.pdf)

Online services and forms

Application for birth certificate: full copy or extract (birth in France) - Free service([https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R1406?](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R1406?lang=en)

- lang=en)
Online service

Marriage certificate application (celebrated in France) - Free service([https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R42837?](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R42837?lang=en)

- lang=en)
Online service

Application for birth certificate: copy or extract (birth abroad) - Free service([https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R1405?](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R1405?lang=en)

- lang=en)
Online service

Marriage certificate application (celebrated abroad) - Free service([https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R42839?](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R42839?lang=en)

- lang=en)
Online service

FAQ

What is a marginal entry on a civil registration document? ([https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1429?](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1429?lang=en)

- lang=en)

- How can I challenge a refusal of the city council in civil registration? (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1431>? lang=en)

- How can I challenge the refusal to register a Pacs? (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1608>? lang=en)

Additional topics

- Identity card (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/N358>? lang=en)
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- Passport (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/N360>? lang=en)
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