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Beginning August 1, 2016, Texas physicians and funeral directors who complete death certificates must do so electronically according to Texas death registration laws.

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- Registration form for Funeral Homes and Mortuary Services: Download (66K Doc)
- Registration form for Physicians and Practices: Download (57K Doc)
- Registration form for Justices of the Peace and Medical Examiner Offices: Download (60K Doc)
- Registration form for Local Registrars: Download (60K Doc)

For assistance with the TEDR system, please send an email to help-ter@dshs.texas.gov or call 512-776-3490. Online training is available at <http://texasvsu-ed.org/> and you may contact the VSU field services team at fieldservices@dshs.texas.gov to locate training opportunities near you or to request training.

To comply with this statute, all death certificates should be signed electronically by the medical certifier unless the physician performed a lethal injection. A family acting as a funeral home and an out-of-state funeral home should obtain a drop-to-paper record from the medical certifier and complete items 1 through 25 then take it to be registered at the local registration district where the death occurred. A manual death certificate can be completed if the physician performed a lethal injection and the funeral home is from out-of-state or the **family is acting as the funeral home.**

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