

Local Government Area user guide

Add a digital birth certificate to the Service Victoria mobile wallet



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Before you start

- You **must** have a Service Victoria account, and be logged-in, to add a digital birth certificate on behalf of your child.
- You **must** be logged in to create and share an extract of your child's digital birth certificate.
- Your parental names, and other birth certificate information, **must** match the child's paper birth certificate to add, create and share an extract of a digital birth certificate.
- You **must** verify your online identity to a 'level of assurance 2' as outlined by the [Service Victoria Identity Verification standards](#) (two online ID documents) to add a digital birth certificate on behalf of your child.

Add a digital birth certificate

To add your child's digital birth certificate:

- Scan the QR code displayed in kindergartens using your mobile device camera function, or:
- Follow links in information provided by councils participating in the trial (on council websites and via social media)
- Head to [digital birth certificate](#) information on the Service Victoria website.

How to add a digital birth certificate

Step 1

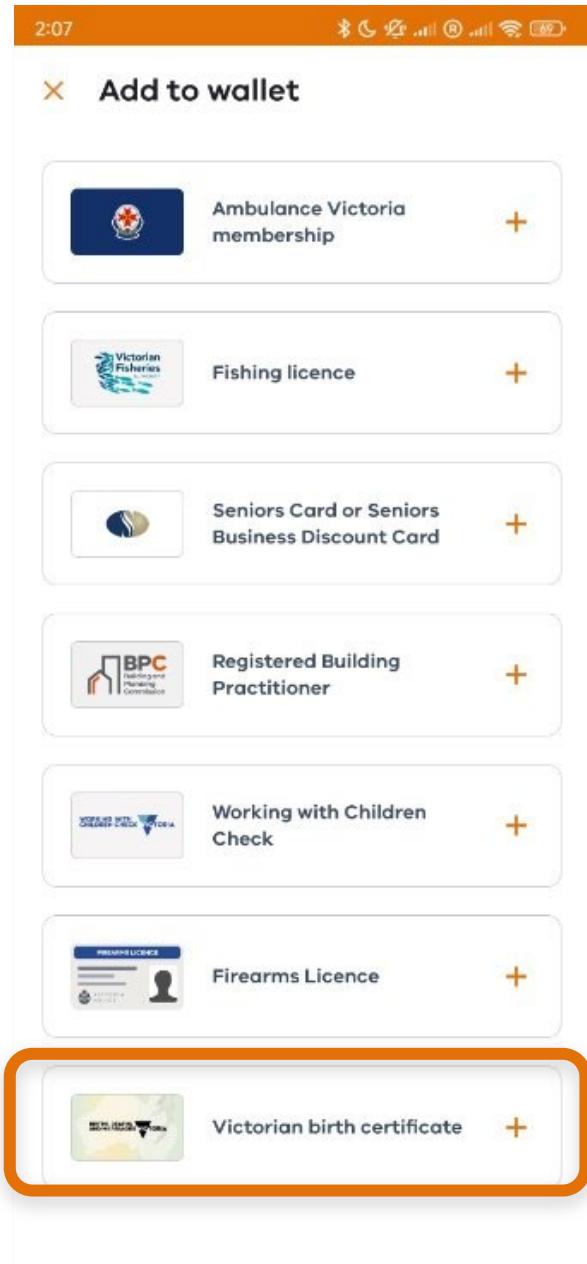
Navigate to the Service Victoria mobile app wallet OR the Service Victoria desktop (mobile app example):

- Open the mobile app (home screen)
- Navigate to the app home screen **bottom navigation menu**
- Tap '**Wallet**'



Step 2

Navigate to your wallet home screen. This displays the digital credentials available to add.



Step 3

Tap '**add**' icon next to the '**'Victorian birth certificate'**'.

Step 4

You will see the Victorian digital birth certificate screen.

- If you have the child's paper birth certificate, tap '**Add your child's certificate**'.
- If you **do not** have the paper certificate details to add the child's digital birth certificate.
- If you do not have paper certificate details tap 'Get a paper certificate' which will take you to Births, Deaths and Marriages website.

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Done

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Victorian birth certificate

We're testing digital birth certificates for kinder enrolments in select council areas.

To be eligible for a digital birth certificate, make sure:

- you have an existing copy of your child's Victorian birth certificate
- your child was born on or after 19 February 2019

Add your child's certificate

Get a paper certificate

More information

- [Victorian birth certificate trial](#)
- [Sharing digital credentials as a PDF](#)

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Step 5

Tap '**Get started**'.

Tap the '+' icons for criteria to add a digital birth certificate, and [frequently asked questions](#).

The screenshot shows a mobile application interface with the following elements:

- Header:** Shows the time (9:41), signal strength, and battery level. Includes a 'Done' button, a lock icon, the URL 'service.vic.gov.au', and a refresh icon.
- Title:** 'Add a Victorian birth certificate' in large, bold, white text on an orange background.
- Text:** 'Keep your child's Victorian birth certificate in your digital wallet'.
- Information:** 'This takes about 15 mins' with a clock icon.
- Buttons:** 'Before you start' and 'FAQ' each with a '+' icon. The 'FAQ' button is circled in orange.
- Call-to-Action:** A large orange button labeled 'Get started'.
- Partnership:** 'In partnership with' logo for 'BIRTHS DEATHS AND MARRIAGES VICTORIA'.

Step 6

Please note: You will need to log in again to continue.

If you have previously verified your identity online with Service Victoria and saved your digital identity, Service Victoria will recognise this.

You will need to verify your identity to get a digital birth certificate.

See step 7 if you haven't verified your identity on the Service Victoria app. If you have verified your identity, see step 10.



Prove your identity

First time customer?

Verify your Identity now.

If you already have a Service Victoria account, log in and use your stored details.

Verify your identity

Log in

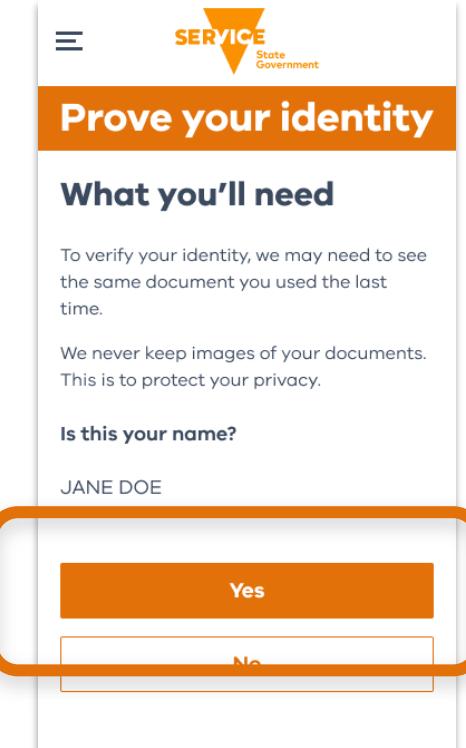
Step 7

Start your identity verification process (two online documents) with the choice of the following documents:

- Australian Passport (current/expired – less than 3 years)
- Australian driver licence or permit
- Medicare card
- Australian birth certificate (Yours)
- ImmiCard
- Foreign passport with valid Australian visa
- Australian citizenship certificate.

Step 8

Confirm your name by tapping
'Yes'



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Prove your identity

What you'll need

To verify your identity, we may need to see the same document you used the last time.

We never keep images of your documents. This is to protect your privacy.

Is this your name?

JANE DOE

Yes

No

Step 9

Choose your first ID to prove your identity. For this example, we will use a current Australian passport.



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Prove your identity

Choose your first ID:

- Australian passport — current or expired less than 3 years
- Australian driver licence or learner permit
- Medicare card
- Australian birth certificate
- ImmiCard
- Foreign passport with valid Australian visa
- Australian citizenship certificate

Next

I don't have this

Australian Passport example

Step 10

Enter in the following details from your Australian passport:

- Passport number
- Given name(s)
- Family name
- Date of birth

Tap the consent checkbox and then tap '**Verify**'.

▼ You will receive the following in-form error messages if any fields are missing information:

Passport number

We can't help you without this information

Given name(s)

Sorry, we need at least one of either your given name or family name to check your Australian passport.

Family name

Sorry, we need at least one of either your given name or family name to check your Australian passport.

Date of birth

That doesn't look right. The day can only be a number between 1 and 31.



Prove your identity

Enter your details

Document type
Australian Passport
(current or expired less than 3 years ago)

Passport number

Given name(s)

Family name

Date of birth

I consent to have my Australian passport checked with the issuer or official record holder

Verify

Back

Step 11

A tick will appear if your passport details have been checked successfully.

- ▼ If you submit your identity too many times you will receive the following error message:

Too many attempts

We've locked this document for your security. Try again in 20 minutes or use a different document.

- ▼ If details are missing, the following error message:

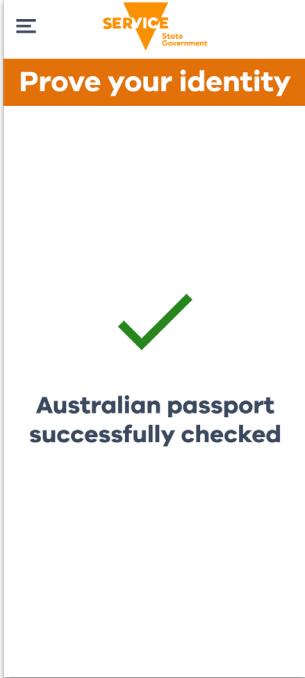
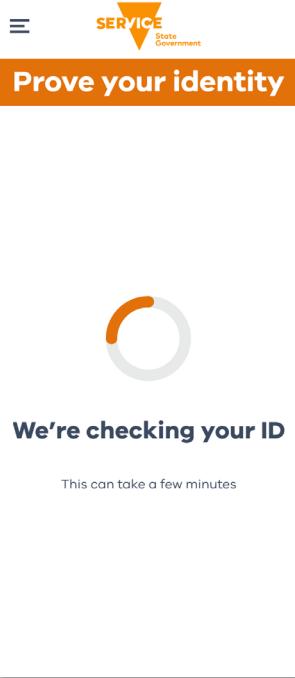
Something's wrong

Details are missing or don't match what's on file with the issuer. Please check all dates and try again.

- ▼ And if the names on the document do not match that of the document verification service, you will receive this error message:

Something's wrong

Please check all names are correct and try again.



Driver licence example

Step 12

A second identity document will need to be provided. For this example we will use an Australian driver licence or permit.

Enter all the details on the driver licence or permit:

- State (e.g., Victoria)
- Licence number
- Care number (A/P1234567 – found on the rear of the driver licence)
- Given name
- Middle name or initial
- Family name
- Date of birth

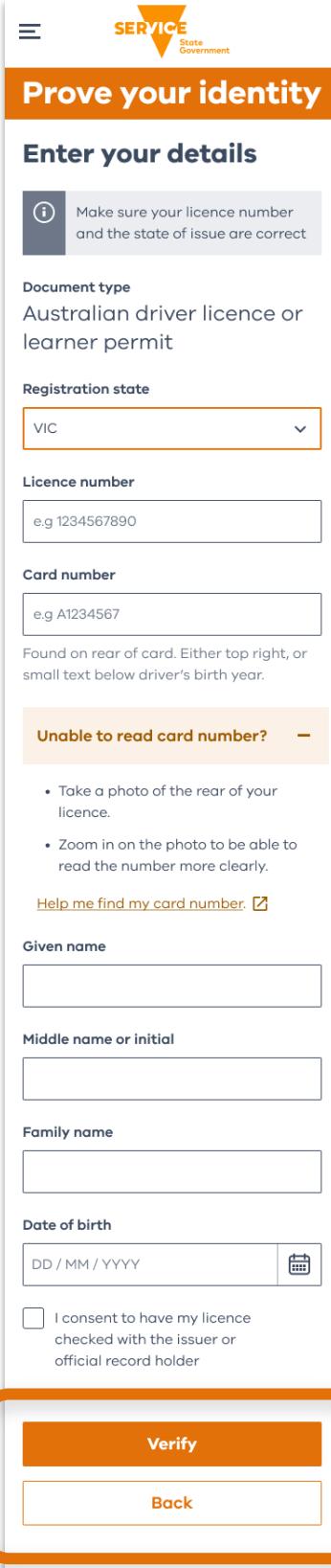
Tap on the consent checkbox and '**Verify**'. Go '**back**' to change any details.

▼ If no information is entered into this form there will be in-line error messages.

If details are missing or don't match what is on file provided by the issuing agency, you will receive the following error:

Something's wrong

Details are missing or don't match what's on file with the issuer. Please check all details and try again.



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Prove your identity

Enter your details

 Make sure your licence number and the state of issue are correct

Document type
Australian driver licence or learner permit

Registration state
VIC

Licence number
e.g 1234567890

Card number
e.g A1234567

Found on rear of card. Either top right, or small text below driver's birth year.

Unable to read card number?

- Take a photo of the rear of your licence.
- Zoom in on the photo to be able to read the number more clearly.

[Help me find my card number.](#)

Given name

Middle name or initial

Family name

Date of birth
DD / MM / YYYY 

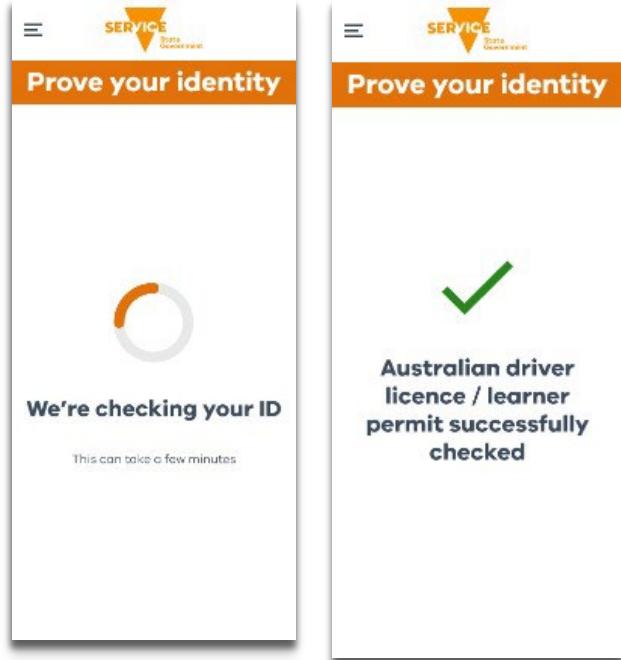
I consent to have my licence checked with the issuer or official record holder

Verify

Back

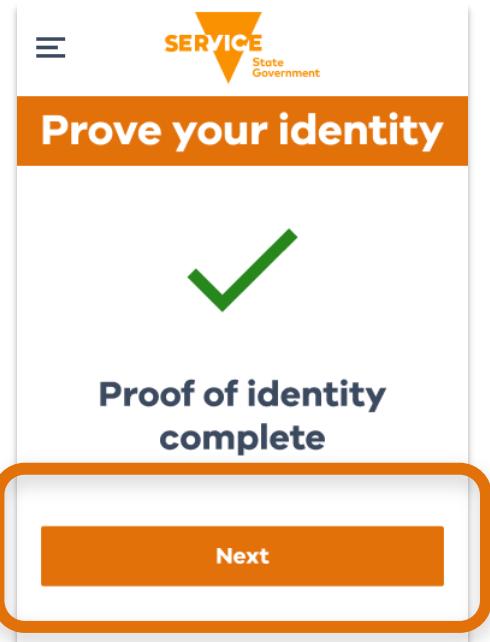
Step 13

A tick will appear if your driver licence details have been checked successfully.



Step 14

Proof of identity is now complete. Tap '**Next**'.



Step 15

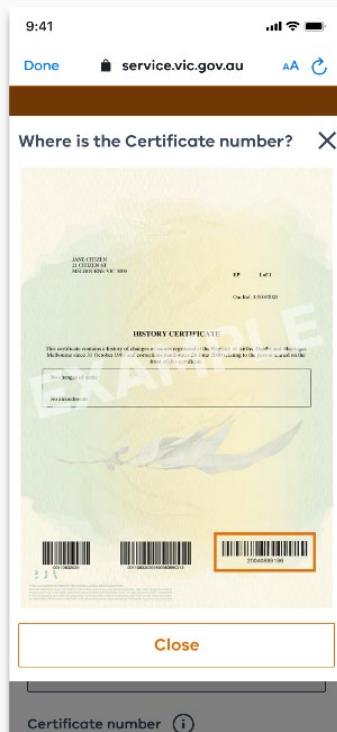
Tap '**Next**' and you are re-directed to a screen where you can enter your child's paper birth certificate details.

Certificate information to enter ▶

- Child date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)
- Paper certificate barcode number (on the rear of the paper certificate – right hand side):
- Child place of birth (on paper certificate – enter exactly as it appears).
- Child given name
- Child family name

Parent details

- Given name
- Family name
- Other parent's given name (not mandatory, can be left blank)
- Other parent's family name (as above).



Tap '**Next**'

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Enter details

The name you gave during your ID check must match a parent's name on your child's certificate. For people with only one name, use the given name field and leave the family name blank.

All details need to exactly match what's on your child's birth certificate.

Child details

Child date of birth

DD / MM / YYYY

Paper certificate barcode number

Look at the back of the birth certificate. Use the 11-digit number under the barcode in the bottom right.

Child place of birth

Enter the text exactly as it appears on your child's certificate.

Child given name

John

Child family name

Citizen

Parent details

If no second parent, leave the fields blank.

Your given name

John

Your family name

Citizen

Other parent's given name

Other parent's family name

Next

Back

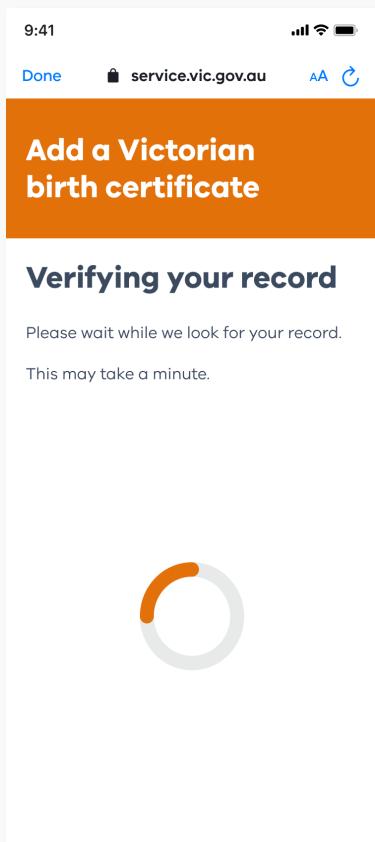
Step 16

Review and submit details

You have the option to review and edit information before it's submitted to Births, Deaths and Marriages for verifying.

Tap '**Edit**' if you need to change details and '**Submit**' once you are ready.

- ▼ Service Victoria verifies the birth registration information with the Births, Deaths and Marriages registry



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Add a Victorian birth certificate

Review details

If you see a mistake, you can make changes using the Edit button.

Child date of birth
22/10/1960

Paper certificate barcode number
09287625312

Child place of birth
Melbourne, Victoria

Child given name
Jenny

Child family name
Citizen

Your given name
John

Your family name
Citizen

Other parent's given name
Jane

Other parent's family name
Citizen

Edit

Submit

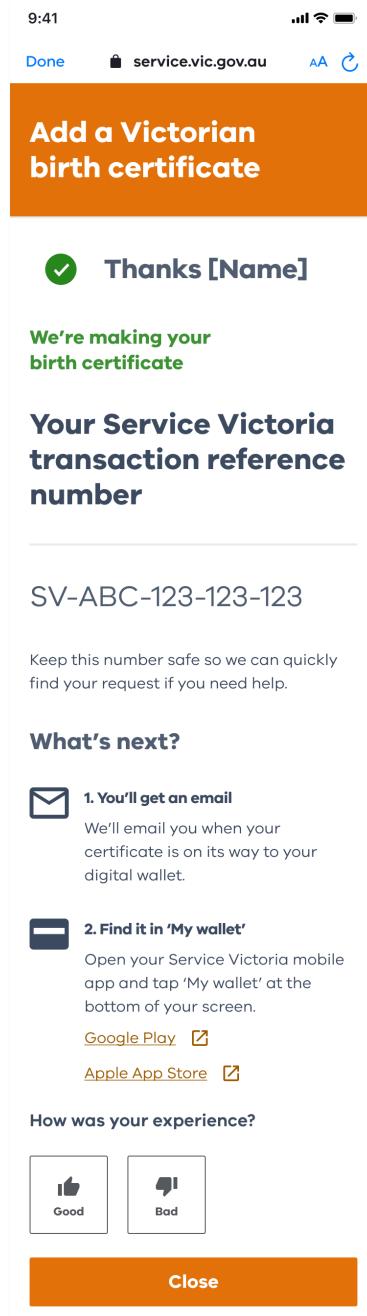
Back

Step 16 (continued)

If the birth certificate information is verified successfully, you will receive a confirmation screen in the Service Vic app with a transaction reference number (see example). Your digital birth certificate has been created.

This will also be sent to the e-mail address provided for your records.

Access the certificate in the Service Victoria mobile wallet (it may take up to 30 minutes to be available).



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Add a Victorian birth certificate

 **Thanks [Name]**

We're making your birth certificate

Your Service Victoria transaction reference number

SV-ABC-123-123-123

Keep this number safe so we can quickly find your request if you need help.

What's next?

 **1. You'll get an email**
We'll email you when your certificate is on its way to your digital wallet.

 **2. Find it in 'My wallet'**
Open your Service Victoria mobile app and tap 'My wallet' at the bottom of your screen.

[Google Play](#) 
[Apple App Store](#) 

How was your experience?

 Good  Bad

Close

Hi <given name>

Your child's birth certificate should be in your Service Victoria wallet soon.

Your transaction reference number is: 123456789

What to do next?

To find your child's birth certificate, open the Service Victoria app. Tap the wallet icon at the bottom of the screen.

You'll need the latest version of the app to use your ID. You can get the Service Victoria app from:

[Google Play](#) 
[Apple App Store](#) 

Need help?

You can [contact us](#) at any time.

Regards,

Service Victoria

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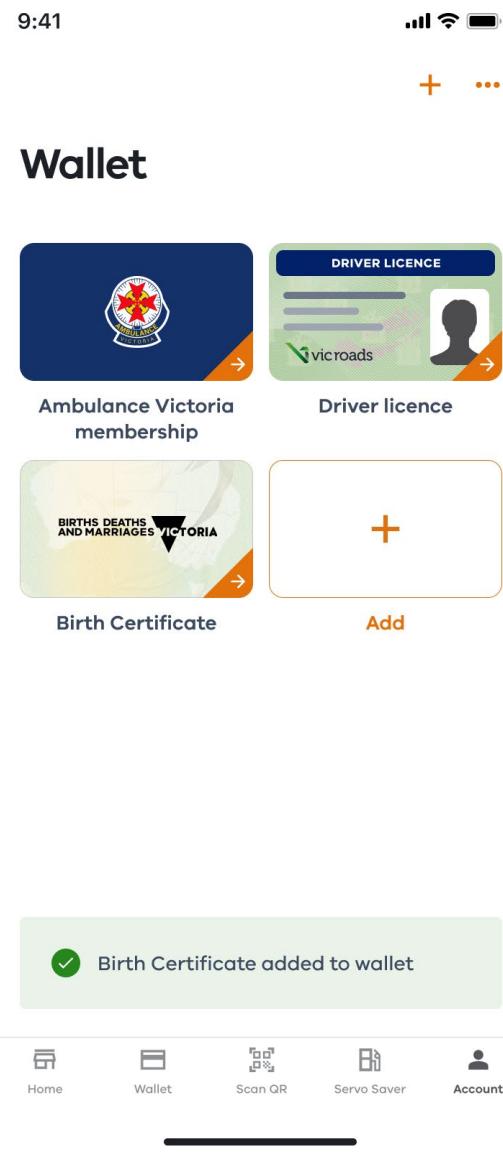
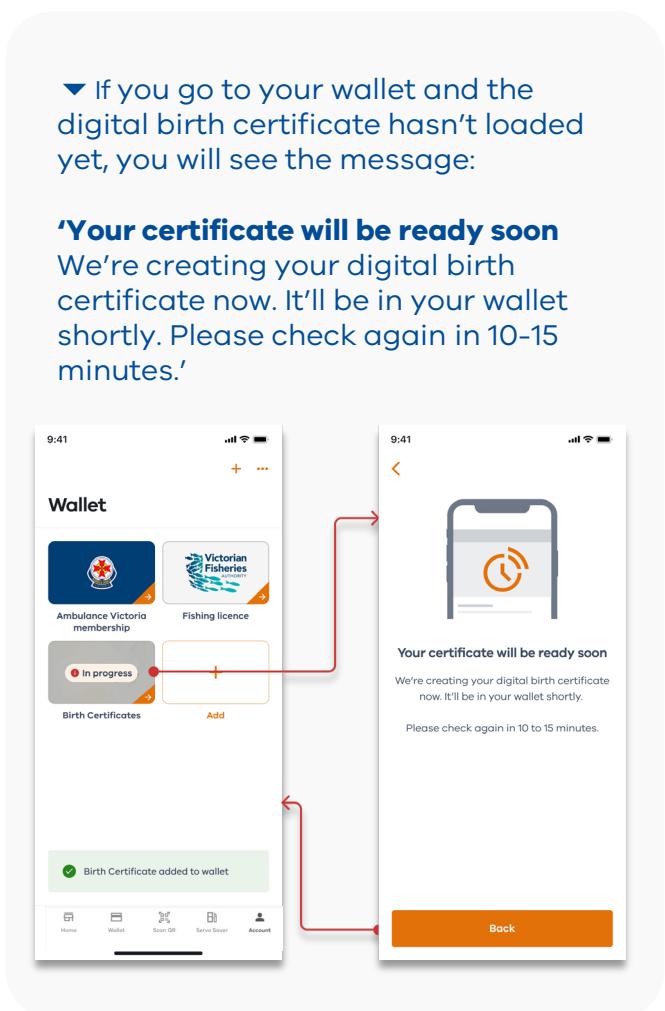
Step 17

You can navigate to the top right hand side menu and create and share the birth certificate as an extract (PDF).

▼ If you go to your wallet and the digital birth certificate hasn't loaded yet, you will see the message:

'Your certificate will be ready soon'

We're creating your digital birth certificate now. It'll be in your wallet shortly. Please check again in 10-15 minutes.'



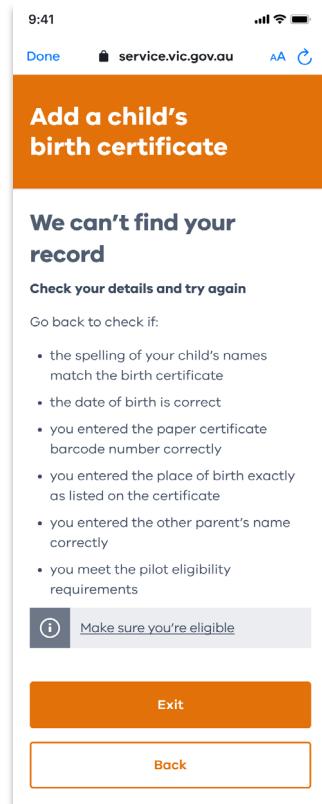
If you receive an error message

If you haven't received your digital birth certificate this information will help you understand error messages:

'We can't find the child's birth registry record'

Go back to check if:

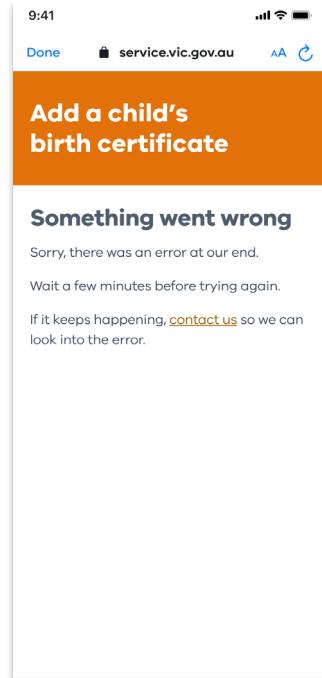
- the spelling of your child's names match the birth certificate
- the date of birth is correct
- you entered the paper certificate barcode number correctly
- you entered the place of birth exactly as listed on the certificate
- you entered the other parent's name correctly
- You meet the trial eligibility requirements.



Something went wrong

A network, or API connection error – meaning the connection between Service Victoria and Births, Deaths and Marriages could not be established.

If this occurs, [contact Service Victoria via chat or message](#).



If you receive an error message

If you haven't received your digital birth certificate this information will help you understand error messages:

There is an issue with the certificate.

This can mean:

- The Record does not exist
- Information is incorrect

If this is the case, we recommend to you contact Births, Deaths and Marriages.

