

Getting started: BDMs

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This guide contains some information to help you start your search for **births, deaths and marriages**. It includes descriptions of key resources held by the State Library as well as web resources. Staff are available to assist you in the Family History Service during opening hours.

Australia

Indexes to births, deaths and marriages for all states of Australia
Internet site www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/links/links.htm, CD-ROM, microfiche

to find

- information about a person's birth, death or marriage

points to note

- information varies from state to state
- this is only an index and contains brief information
- certificates can be ordered from the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages in each state. Quote the registration number and year of registration listed in the index.

to use these resources

- book internet access at the Family History Service Desk.
- book at the Family History Service Desk to use the CD-ROM
- find the microfiche on the shelves in the Family History Service

points to note

- not all states are available on CD-ROM or by internet access. Turn over to see the list of available indexes.

England and Wales

General Register Office Index (St Catherine's House) England and Wales

Microfiche index

to find

- births, deaths and marriages in England and Wales from 1837 to 1998

points to note

- remember this is only an index. You need to apply for a copy of the certificates from England.

to use this resource

- find in the microfiche cabinets in the Family History Service

points to note

- AncestryLibrary.com includes the England & Wales Births, Deaths and Marriages as well as many other records.

Worldwide

International Genealogical Index

Internet site www.familysearch.org and microfiche

to find

- birth/christening and marriage records from the early 1500s until the late 19th century for all countries

Points to note

- there are no death records in this index

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Birth, death, marriage and probate indexes available

New South Wales

- Pioneers Series* 1788-1888
- Federation Series* 1889-1918
- Between the Wars* 1919-1945
- Births 1788-1918
- Deaths 1788-1945
- Marriages 1788-1945
- Probate index 1800-1985
- NSW Registry of BDMs website
www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/

Births: 1788 to 100 years from present date

Deaths: 1788 to 30 years from present date

Marriages: 1788 to 50 years from present date

South Australia

- Births 1842-1922
- Births* (alphabetical) 1842-1928
- Deaths* 1842-1972
- Marriages * 1842-1937

Victoria

- Pioneers Index* 1837-1888
- Federation Index* 1889-1901
- Edwardian Index* 1902-1913
- Great War Index* 1914-1920
- Early Church Records 1837-1853
- Births 1853-1913
- Deaths*(1921-1985) 1854-1985
- Marriages 1853-1930
- Probate index 1841-1992

Tasmania

- Baptisms 1803-1933
- Births 1838-1905
- Burials 1803-1899
- Deaths 1838-1919
- Marriages 1803-1919
- Pioneers Index* 1803-1899
- Federation Index*
 - Births 1900-1918
 - Deaths 1900-1930
 - Marriages 1900-1930

Queensland

- Baptisms 1829-1856
- Births 1850-1919
- Burials 1829-1856
- Deaths 1850-1964
- Marriages 1839-1939
- Consolidated Index 1829-1889
- Early Pioneers* 1824-1859
- Pioneers* 1829-1889
- Federation* 1890-1914

Northern Territory

- Births 1870-1918
- Deaths* 1824-2004
- Marriages* 1870-1913
- Probate Index 1885-1941
1954-1962

Western Australia

- Baptisms 1829-1891
- Births 1841-1905
- Deaths 1841-1980
- Marriages 1841-1965
- Marriages* 1915-1933
- Pioneers Index* 1841-1905

Australian Capital Territory

- Deaths 1930-1968
- Prior to 1930 use NSW records

New Zealand

- Births 1840-1990
- Deaths 1840-1990
- Marriages 1840-1990
- Marriages* 1836-1956
- Maori BDMs 1911-1961
- Probate Index 1885-1941

* Index is available on CD-ROM. Ask at the Family History Service Desk for bookings.