

Collecting Information for the *Maharishi Jyotish*SM Program Comprehensive Life Kundali

The exact birth time is vital for each person being included in your Comprehensive Life Kundali. If you cannot obtain this information from a birth certificate or by contacting your relative directly, the following points may be useful. (One important point we have discovered is that even more elderly people may have a birth time on their certificate.) If you need help, please feel free to call our office at 301-230-0923.

1. A relative who collects family data for genealogy, the family bible, baby books, etc. can be a good source of information.
2. The hospital where a relative was born usually has the birth time in the Office of Medical Records. Be friendly and persistent. It may require their special effort to retrieve records from storage or doctor's files.
3. The Office of Vital Statistics or the State Records Bureau, often listed under the Department of Health and Human Services, has birth records. Try both the state and county level. At the city level contact the town clerk. The county or city level may have quicker access and lower fees. In some states, the time of birth can only be obtained through the state archives.
4. Information regarding birth records can also be obtained via the internet.
 - a. www.vitalrec.com tells how and where to locate records. It includes links for international records.
 - b. www.vitalchek.com allows you to order copies of documents.
5. Tips for requesting records by phone or on-line:
 - a. First see if the clerk will simply give the birth time on the certificate by phone. If a document is not needed, they may be more willing to give the information.
 - b. If the information must be mailed, indicate your request is for research purposes only—a *legal* document is not required, but time of birth is necessary.
 - c. Request the longer form (as opposed to the short version). It is more likely to have a birth time.
 - d. It's better not to say it's needed for genealogy purposes, as this takes longer.
 - e. Sometimes only close relatives can access this information, so you may need their help.
6. The panel of experts in the *Maharishi Jyotish* program can ascertain the correct time of birth for a relative if you provide the day and place of birth as well as dates of specific events in that person's life. Request the form for "Ascertaining Correct Birth Time" from our office.
7. If it is not possible to obtain dates of important events, the relative should still be included in the Comprehensive Life Kundali. Give the birth data you have, and state the reason you were unable to obtain the required information.

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