

Items 20 and 23: Date Last Worked

If ...	Then enter...
the parent is currently employed	the current month and year.
the parent never worked or is a student	<i>None.</i>
the month is unknown	the year only, e.g. --/2013.
the year is unknown, or if no information is available	<i>Unknown.</i>
the information is refused	<i>Withheld.</i>

Items 20A and 23A: Usual Occupation

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Items 20A and 23A: Examples

The table below provides examples of appropriate entries for Items 20A and 23A. For additional information on occupations, refer to Appendix B of the Birth Registration Handbook.

If the parent...	Then specify...
is a doctor	physician, dentist, veterinarian, chiropractor, etc.
works in data processing	computer programmer, keypunch operator, etc.
is a nurse	registered nurse, nurse-midwife, nurse's aide, nurse practitioner, etc.
is a farm worker	farmer, farm hand, farm supervisor, fruit picker, migratory farm hand, etc.
is a homemaker	Homemaker. However, if the parent normally worked outside of the home prior to the delivery then enter that information.

Items 20B and 23B: Kind of Business or Industry

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Examples

Less Specific		More Specific	
Occupation	Industry	Occupation	Industry
Technician	Medical	Health Information Management Technician, Radiology Technician, Pharmacy Technician, Laboratory Technician	Hospital, Pharmacy, Medical Clinic, Medical Research
Analyst	Government	Program Analyst	County Public Health Agency
Caregiver	Caregiving	Caregiver	In-Home Care
Driver	Transportation	Delivery Driver, Truck Driver	Trucking Company, Shipping Company
Sergeant	Military	Helicopter Pilot	Air Force
Engineer	Government	Computer Engineer, Civil Engineer, Mechanical Engineer	Federal Defense Agency
Salesman	Sales	Car Salesman	Auto Dealership

Resources

- The Occupational Information Network (O*NET) is the nation's primary source of occupational information. The O*NET database contains information on hundreds of standardized and occupation-specific descriptors. O*NET OnLine is a free, interactive application for exploring and searching occupations: <http://www.onetonline.org/>
- Appendices B and C in the Birth Registration Handbook
- Birth and Marriage Registration Section (916) 445-8494

Questions?

Occupation and Industry

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If the business is...	Then specify...
restaurant	fast food, casual dining, fine dining, hotel restaurant, etc.
retail	bookstore, clothing store, electronics store, etc.
manufacturer	Electronics manufacturing, computer manufacturing, fabric manufacturing, etc.
construction	road construction, housing construction, etc.
oil and gas industry	oil field drilling, petroleum refinery, retail gasoline station, wholesale oil distributor, natural gas pipeline, etc.

The Birth Registration Handbook contains sample occupation and industry tables in Appendices B and C. These tables are meant to be samples, not complete lists of all possible occupations and industries. Other sample occupations and industries:

Occupation and Industry

Less specific		More specific	
Occupation	Industry	Occupation	Industry
Analyst	Government	Program Analyst	County Public Health Agency
Aviation	Airport	Aviation Mechanic	Airline Company
Caregiver	Caregiving	Caregiver	In-Home Care
Child Care	Home	Child Care Provider	In-Home Daycare
Driver	Transportation	Truck driver	Trucking company, shipping company, etc.
Laborer	General Labor	Gardener, farm laborer, carpenter, etc.	Cattle ranch, fruit farm, road construction, housing construction, etc.
Maintenance	Golf Course	Groundskeeper, irrigation system maintenance worker, etc.	Golf Course
Sales	Retail	Salesperson	Clothing Store, Electronics Store, etc.
Self-Employed	Handyman	Handyman	Home Repair, Home Maintenance, etc.
Student	School	Student	High School, Welding School, Medical School, etc.
Synthetic Turf	Synthetic Turf	Synthetic Turf Installer	Synthetic Turf Company
Teacher	Education	Seventh grade math teacher, college English professor, etc.	City school, public school, private school, etc.

Occupation and Industry

Please note that the U.S. Department of Labor's "Dictionary of Occupational Titles" referenced in Appendix B of the Birth Registration Handbook has been replaced by O*NET: <http://www.onetonline.org/>. On the O*NET home page, there is a "Find Occupations" feature that allows users to search for occupations by industry.

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Bright Outlook occupations are expected to grow rapidly in the next several years, will have large numbers of job openings, or are new and emerging occupations.

Career Cluster [Go](#)
Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources
Career Clusters contain occupations in the same field of work that require similar skills. Students, parents, and educators can use Career Clusters to help focus education plans towards obtaining the necessary knowledge, competencies, and training for success in a particular career pathway.

Green Economy Sector [Go](#)
Agriculture and Forestry
The green economy will cause a change in occupations' employment demand or work and worker requirements such as tasks, skills, knowledge, and credentials. Green occupations are linked to Green Economy Sectors.

Industry [Go](#)
Accommodation and Food Services
Industries are broad groups of businesses or organizations with similar activities, products, or services. Occupations are considered part of an industry based on their employment.

Job Family [Go](#)
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Job Zone [Go](#)
One: Little or No Preparation Needed
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