

Birthing Centers are free-standing facilities where human births occur regularly.

Exemptions:

- Licensed hospitals
- Any birthing center operated by the federal government

Type Regulation:

A center must first obtain a certificate of need before being eligible to become permitted.

Legal Authority:

**O.C.G.A. § 31-6-40** Certificate of need required for new institutional health services; exemption

**O.C.G.A. § 31-7-1** Definitions

**O.C.G.A. § 31-7-3** Requirements for permits to operate institutions

**O.C.G.A. § 31-7-5** Exemptions from permit requirements  
[Official Code of Georgia Annotated](#)

Rules:

- [Rules and Regulations for Birthing Centers](#), Chapter 290-5-41, effective June 16, 1983.
- [Disaster Preparedness Plans](#), Chapter 290-5-45, effective June 7, 1984.
- [Performance of Abortions after the First Trimester of Pregnancy and Reporting Requirements for all Abortions](#), Chapter 290-5-32, effective October 8, 1974
- [Enforcement of Licensing Requirements](#), Chapter 290-1-6, effective August 16, 1993
- [Rules and Regulations for Certificate of Need](#), Chapter 111-2-2, effective October 1, 2008

Fees:

- Permit: No charge