



Where To Look for Your Birth Time

1. Leave no stone unturned

If there is research to do, do it. Just because you don't see a time recorded on your birth certificate at home doesn't mean your birth time wasn't recorded. Many people only have their short-form birth certificate, which is essentially a notarized document saying the long-form certificate exists. It includes the most essential information, like your birthdate, but rarely the time. The long-form birth certificate is the document recorded at the hospital. Often, it includes more details, like parents' names, dates of birth, hospital name, and yes – the birth time.

To find the long-form certificate, call your local government office that manages birth records. This might be called the ministry, department, or office of "vital statistics," or it might be called something else in your region. It could be state-wide, province-wide, county-wide, or parish-wide – again, depending on where and when you were born.

Before you order the certificate, ask someone at that department to verify that the birth time is on the record. With astrology so popular, even normalized, at the moment, you won't be the only one with this request. You can also try calling the hospital where you were born. If they don't keep those records themselves, they might be able to tell you who does.

If you are lucky enough to have a mother to ask – ask her! Your other family members may know or have been at the hospital when you were born. If no one knows, finding your long-form birth certificate is a great the option. Remember that your rising sign can change within a few minutes, so you need an exact time, not one rounded to the hour, if at all possible.

What if I have a rough idea of my birth time?

If you can narrow down your birth time to a 1–2 hour window, that's a great start. With this, I should be able to pinpoint your Moon sign, and even your rising sign, though not the exact degrees.

What if I was adopted or grew up in foster care?

You may find some information in your records, and if not you have two options. Choose to have the 12:00 pm time assigned or if you are super keen, have your Chart Rectified. I include this for information purposes only as it is not necessary for the purposes of the Moon Magick Manifestation Program to have a Rectified Chart for your birth time.

2. Go digging

If these things are available to you – comb through old baby books, photo albums, shower records, boxes in the attic, scrapbooks, family bibles, etc. There's even a chance your long-form certificate was tucked away somewhere, or that a fastidious caregiver, parent, or grandparent wrote down the time of birth in their diary.

3. Ask around

Ask your parents, caregivers, or someone who might have been present at your birth, like a relative or family friend. Ideally, you want to find a document with your exact birth time, as mentioned, but if you can home in on the hour or approximate time of day, that will help me identify your Moon and narrow down the options for your rising sign.

4. Rectify your Chart

You can try to get your chart rectified by an astrologer who specializes in this technique. There will always be some trial and error – chart rectification is not an exact science – but for some people, it works very well. While we don't offer referrals for astrologers who do this work, we suggest going to your networks to find out if anyone you know works with an astrologer they trust. Due to time constraints this is not a service I can offer. Again, it is not necessary for the Moon Magick Manifestation Mentorship to have a Rectified Chart birth time.