

Government Issued Identification Documents

An applicant is required to provide a government issued identification document to obtain a certification of birth.

Specific forms of government-issued identification that **ARE** acceptable include but are not limited to the following:

- United States issued Driver's License or Identification card
- United States Territories Driver's License or Identification Card
- Tribal Identification Card that contains bearer's signature
- U.S. Military Identification Card that contains bearer's signature [Note: *some do not*]
- Passport-United States or Foreign issued
- Visa –In a passport and the bearer's signature is on the passport not the Visa
- Resident Alien Card (Form I-551)
- Employment Authorization Card (Form I-766)
- Employment Authorization Card (Form I-688A)
- Temporary Resident Card (Form I-688)

Specific forms of government-issued identification that **ARE NOT** acceptable include the following:

- Matricula Consular ID Card
- Mexican Voter Registration Card "Credencial Para Votar"
- Permanent Resident Card (Form I-551 does not have a visible signature)
- Alien Registration Receipt Card Form I-151(replaced by I-551)
- USA B1/B2 Visa/BCC (Form DSP-150)
- Non-resident Border Crosser Card (Form I-586)
- Non-resident Alien Mexican Border Crosser Card (Form I-186)
- Non-resident Alien Canadian Border Crosser Card (Form I-185)
- U.S. Citizen Identification Card (Form I-197)
- D.E.S. Food Stamp Card
- Tribal Identification Card that **DOES NOT** contain bearer's signature
- U.S Military Identification Card that **DOES NOT** contain bearer's signature
- Foreign Driver's License
- International Driver's License

A valid government-issued identification document should contain a photo, current address, signature and a unique number or barcode (e.g. driver's license, passport number) assigned to the person.

If a requestor does not have an acceptable or valid photo government-issued identification document, **at least two other pieces** of documentation are required that establishes a preponderance of evidence of identity. These secondary documents should contain together a current address, and signature of the requestor. States should reserve the right to request additional evidence as appropriate. If the requestor is unable to satisfy the documentation requirements, the request should not be processed.

Examples of identification documents that are acceptable if verifiable:

- Employment Identification Card with photo, accompanied with paystub or W-2
- School, university, college identification card with photo, accompanied with a report card or other proof of current school enrollment
- Department of Corrections identification card, accompanied by probation documents or discharge papers
- Social Security/Medicare Card (must be signed)
- Pilot's License
- Car registration or title with current address
- U.S. Selective Service Card
- Voter's Registration Card
- Filed Federal tax form (with current address and signatures)
- Bank statement or utility bill (gas, water, electric, sewer, phone) with current address
- Court documents with current address

Notarized statements **ARE NOT** accepted in lieu of government issued identification unless the notary has verified the identity of the person through documentary requirements established by state law.