

Acceptable Birth Certificates

Must meet all of the following requirements:

- Issued by the City, County, or State of birth
- Lists bearer's full name, date of birth, and place of birth
- List parent(s) full names
- Has date filled with registrar's office (must be within one year of birth)
- Has registrar's signature
- Has embossed, impressed, or multicolored seal of registrar

Unacceptable Birth Certificates

- Hudson County, Jersey City, NJ (STATE ISSUED ONLY)
- California Short-Form/Birth Abstracts
- Brunswick County, NC issued before May 1, 2009
- Puerto Rico Birth Certificates issued before July 1, 2010
- Texas Short-Form/Birth abstracts issued before March 2003
- Photocopies and notarized copies are unacceptable

Note:

***1 Texas Short-Form/Birth abstracts issued after March 2003 must list I by the file date, indicating an institutional birth.**