

Acceptable Documents to Verify Citizenship & Identity of Children

Please provide the highest level of documents you have to verify your child's citizenship. Note that the documents listed in 'Section 1' verify both citizenship and identity. **If you use a document listed in 'Section 2' to verify citizenship, you must also provide a separate document from 'Section 3' to verify identity.**

Section 1 - Primary Documents: The following documents can be used to verify BOTH citizenship and identity.

- U.S. passport
- *Certificate of Naturalization*
- *Certificate of U.S. Citizenship*

Section 2 - Secondary Citizenship Documents: The following documents can be used to verify citizenship only.

- U.S. public birth certificate showing birth in one of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. territory
- Final adoption decree
- *Certification of Report of Birth*
- *Certification of Birth Abroad*
- Official military record of service
- *American Indian Card (I-872)* with "KIC" classification
- Extract of hospital record on hospital letterhead that shows a U.S. place of birth
- Religious record showing either the date of birth or the person's age when the record was made
- Other documents that show a U.S. place of birth and were created at least 5 years before the *hawk-i* application date
- Medical (clinic, doctor, or hospital) record
- Evidence of civil service employment by the U.S. government
- *Consular Report of Birth Abroad of a U.S. Citizen* (Form FS-240)
- *U.S. Citizen I.D. Card*
- Verification of automatic citizenship under sec. 320 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (Child Citizenship Act)
- Life, health, or other insurance record showing a U.S. place of birth
- Early school record showing a U.S. place of birth
- Institutional admission papers
- Affidavit signed under penalty of perjury: *Affidavit Concerning Documentation of Citizenship* and *Affidavit of Citizenship*

Section 3 – Secondary Identity Documents: The following documents can be used to verify identity only.

- Driver's license issued by a U.S. state or territory
- ID cards issued by a state, federal, or local government, or a school ID with photograph
- Military dependent's identification card
- **For children under age 16:** Clinic, doctor, hospital, or school record
- Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood or other U.S. American Indian/Alaskan Native tribal document
- Cross match with a federal or state governmental, public assistance, law enforcement, or corrections agency's data system; if the agency establishes and certifies the true identity of the individuals
- U.S. passport issued with limitations
- **For children under age 16 in residential care facilities (RCF):** *Affidavit of Identity*
- If **none** of the above evidence of identity is available, three or more corroborating documents may be accepted if the same items were not used to document citizenship.