

Acceptable Documentation for Verifying Age and Citizenship

Primary verification documents for age and citizenship

- Birth certificate (United States or its possessions)
- Current U.S. passport
- Hospital or public health birth record (United States or its possessions)
- Church or baptismal record (United States or its possessions)
- TANF, SNAP benefits, Medicaid or other related public assistance records

Secondary verification documents for citizenship or immigration status only

If no primary documents for age and citizenship are available, the following are acceptable sources to verify a child's citizenship or immigration status:

- U.S. Citizen
 - Report of birth abroad of U.S. citizen (FS-240) issued by US Department of State
 - Certificate of Birth (FS-545) issued by a foreign service post
 - Certificate of U.S. Citizenship (N-561)
 - Native American Tribal Document/Card (Form I-872)
- Immigrant/"Qualified Alien"
 - Lawful Permanent Resident Card, also known as "Green Card" (Form I-551)
 - Form I-94/ I-94a (Form I-94 is an arrival/departure admission form given by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement at the port of entry to nonimmigrant visa holders and must be stamped with the applicable immigration rule citations):
 - For Asylee: Annotated with stamp showing asylum granted under §208 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), a copy of grant letter from the Asylum Office of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) or a copy of the order of an immigration judge granting asylum
 - For Refugee: Annotated with stamp showing admission under INA §207 or Form I-571 (Refugee Travel Document)
 - For Cuban/Haitian Entrant: Annotated with stamp showing §501(e), Permanent Resident Card, also known as Green Card (Form I-551), unexpired temporary Form I-551, or stamp in foreign passport showing §501(e)
 - Alien Whose Deportation or Removal Was Withheld—order from an immigration judge showing deportation or removal withheld
 - Alien Granted Conditional Entry—Form I-94 identifying the bearer as "Refugee-Conditional Entry" and a citation of §203(a)(7)
 - Alien Who Has Been Declared a Battered Alien or Alien Subjected to Extreme Cruelty—USCIS petition and supporting documentation
 - Alien Who Is Paroled—proof of parole under INA §212(d)(5) for a period of at least one year

Secondary verification documentation for age only

If no documentation listed under the primary age and citizenship category is available, the following are acceptable sources to verify a child's age:

- Adoption papers or records (United States or its possessions)
- Divorce and/or court custody decrees
- Bureau of Indian Affairs or Tribal records
- Immigration and Naturalization Service records
- Child support paternity records
- School records/identification card