

Documents Accepted by DHS as Proof of U.S. Citizenship and Identity

The documents listed in this form can be used to prove U.S. citizenship **and** identity. Documents must be originals or copies certified by the issuing agency.

Proof of U.S. citizenship and identity

The following documents prove both U.S. citizenship **and** identity. No other proof is needed from someone with one of these documents.

- ① U.S. Passport
 - ② Certificate of Naturalization
 - ③ Certificate of U.S. Citizenship
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Proof of U.S. citizenship

The following documents only prove U.S. citizenship. Proof of identity must also be provided.

- ④ U.S. birth certificate
- ⑤ Certification of birth issued by the Department of State
- ⑥ Report of Birth Abroad of a U.S. Citizen
- ⑦ Certification of Birth Abroad
- ⑧ U.S. Citizen ID card
- ⑨ Final adoption decree
- ⑩ American Indian Card issued by the Department of Homeland Security with the classification code “KIC”
- ⑪ Evidence of civil service employment by the U.S. government before June 1976
- ⑫ Official military record of service showing a U.S. place of birth
- ⑬ Northern Mariana ID Card
- ⑭ Extract of U.S. hospital record of birth established at the time of the person’s birth that:
 - ◆ Was created at least 5 years before the initial application date, and
 - ◆ Shows a U.S. place of birth
- ⑮ Federal or State census record showing U.S. citizenship or a U.S. place of birth
- ⑯ Life or health or other insurance record that:
 - ◆ Was created at least 5 years before the initial application date, and
 - ◆ Shows a U.S. place of birth
- ⑰ Other document that was created at least 5 years before the application for Medicaid. These documents are:
 - a. Seneca Indian tribal census record
 - b. Bureau of Indian Affairs tribal census records of the Navajo Indians
 - c. U.S. State Vital Statistics official notification of birth registration
 - d. An amended U.S. public birth record that was amended more than 5 years after the person’s birth
 - e. A statement signed by the physician or midwife who was in attendance at the time of birth
- ⑱ Institutional admission papers from a nursing home, skilled nursing care facility or other institution that:
 - ◆ Was created at least 5 years before the initial application date, and
 - ◆ Shows a U.S. place of birth

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- ⑰ Medical (clinic, doctor, or hospital) record that:
 - ◆ Was created at least 5 years before the initial application date, and
 - ◆ Shows a U.S. place of birth unless the application is for a child under 5
- ⑱ Written statement. Written statements may be used only in rare circumstances when the state is unable to secure evidence of citizenship from another listing. If the documentation requirement needs to be met through a statement, the following rules apply:
 - ◆ There must be at least two statements by individuals who have personal knowledge of the event(s) establishing the applicant's or recipient's claim of citizenship (the two statements could be combined in a joint statement).
 - ◆ At least one of the individuals making the statement cannot be related to the applicant or recipient and cannot be the applicant or recipient.
- ◆ In order for the statement to be acceptable the persons making them must be able to provide proof of their own citizenship and identity.
- ◆ If the individual(s) making the statement has (have) information which explains why documentary evidence establishing the applicant's claim of citizenship does not exist or cannot be readily obtained, the statement should contain this information as well.
- ◆ The State must obtain a separate statement from the applicant/recipient or other knowledgeable individual (guardian or representative) explaining why the evidence does not exist or cannot be obtained.
- ◆ The statements must be signed under penalty of perjury.

Proof of identity

The following documents only prove identity. Proof of U.S. citizenship must also be provided.

- ⑲ State issued driver's license
- ⑳ Certificate of Indian Blood, or other U.S. American Indian/Alaska Native tribal document
- ㉑ A school ID card with a photograph of the individual
- ㉒ U.S. military card or draft record
- ㉓ ID card issued by the Federal, State, or local government with the same information included on driver's licenses
- ㉔ Military dependent's ID card
- ㉕ Native American Tribal document
- ㉖ U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner card
- ㉗ Children under 16:
 - ◆ School records, including nursery or daycare records that show the child's date and place of birth **and** the name of their parent(s), or
 - ◆ A statement signed under penalty of perjury by a parent or guardian attesting to the child's identity