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Children born abroad who were US citizens at birth because of the citizenship of their parents may receive a USCIS Certificate of Citizenship instead to prove their citizenship status. The federal and state governments have traditionally cooperated to some extent to improve vital statistics. From 1900 to 1946 the U.S. Census Bureau designed standard birth certificates, collected vital statistics on a national basis, and generally sought to improve the accuracy of vital statistics. In 1946 that responsibility was passed to the U.S. Public Health Service. Unlike the British system of recording all births in "registers", the states file an individual document for each and every birth.[116] The U.S. National Center for Health Statistics creates standard forms that are recommended for use by the individual states to document births. However, states are free to create their own forms.[117] As a result, neither the appearance nor the information content of birth certificate forms is uniform across states. These forms are completed by the attendant at birth or a hospital administrator, which are then forwarded to a local or state registrar, who stores the record and issues certified copies upon request.[2] A Colorado long-form certified abstract of birth According to the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General, as of 2000[update] there were more than 6,000 entities issuing birth certificates. The Inspector General report stated that according to the staff at the Immigration and Naturalization Service's Forensics Document Laboratory the number of legitimate birth certificate versions in use exceeded 14,000.[19] A Florida short-form birth registration card in the case of applying for a U.S. passport, not all legitimate government-issued birth certificates are acceptable: A certified birth certificate has a registrar's raised, embossed, impressed or multicolored seal, registrar's signature, and the date the certificate was filed with the registrar's office, which must be within 1 year of your birth. Please note, some short (abstract) versions of birth certificates may not be acceptable for passport purposes. Beginning June 10, 2009, all birth certificates must also include the full name of the applicant's parent(s).[118] The U.S. State Department has paid close attention to abstract certificates from both Texas and California. There have been reports of a high incidence of midwife registration fraud along the border region between Texas and Mexico.[20][19] and the Texas abstract certificate form does not list the name or occupation of the attendant. The California Abstract of Birth did not include an embossed seal, was no longer considered a secure document, and have not been issued in California since 2001.[120] Most hospitals in the U.S. issue a souvenir birth certificate which may include the footprints of the newborn. However, these birth certificates are not legally accepted as proof of age or citizenship, and are frequently rejected by the Bureau of Consular Affairs during passport applications. Many Americans believe the souvenir records to be their official birth certificates when, in reality, they hold little legal value.[121][122] An Arizona certificate of foreign birth for a person born in Mexico, stating that "[it] is not evidence of U.S. citizenship" When an adoption is finalized in the U.S., most states and the District of Columbia seal the original birth certificate.[123] In its place, a replacement or amended birth certificate is issued, with the adoptee's new name and adoptive parents listed "as if" the adoptee was born to the adoptive parents.[124] Adopted persons in ten states have an unrestricted right to obtain a copy of the original birth certificate when they are adults: Alabama, Alaska, Colorado, Connecticut, Kansas, Maine, New Hampshire, New York, Oregon, and Rhode Island.[125] The remaining states and the District of Columbia either require a court order to release a copy of the original birth certificate or have other restrictions, such as permission of biological parent(s) or redaction of information upon request of a biological parent.[126][127] For foreign-born intercountry adoptees, U.S. jurisdictions may issue a Certificate of Foreign Birth that serves as documentary evidence of the child's birth and the child's legal relationship to the adoptive United States parents. These certificates, however, do not serve as evidence of U.S. citizenship and must be supplemented by another document to prove citizenship, such as a Certificate of Citizenship, a United States passport or a Certificate of Naturalization.[128][129] Prior to 1990, the Vital Records Section of the Department's Passport Services office was responsible for certifying American births overseas, and issued form FS-545, formally known as a Certification of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States of America. In 1990, the department changed its policy to make clear that a report issued by them is only supplementary to, and does not substitute for a locally issued birth certificate; the report, however, does serve as prima facie documentary evidence of the acquisition of United States citizenship or non-citizen nationality at birth. The department contends that the issuance of birth certificates is a function that is expressly reserved to local vital statistics authorities and may not be assumed by a consular officer.[130] Notwithstanding the Department's position, however, a consular report of birth is often the only government-issued record of birth for certain individuals. For example, those born on a U.S. Armed Forces base in Germany do not have their births registered with the local German registrar, but only with the Department of State. Because they cannot receive a German birth certificate, their CRBA is their de facto birth certificate.[131] Between 1990 and December 2010, the department issued form DS-1350, formally known as a Certification of Report of Birth of a United States Citizen; and form FS-240, formally known as the Consular Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States of America.[132] Since January 2011, the Department of State has issued only form FS-240. A State Department certification of birth abroad, issued prior to 1990 A State Department certification of report of birth, issued between 1990 and 2010 A State Department certification of birth abroad, issued in 2009 A State Department consular report of birth abroad, issued beginning 2011 In Ukraine, a child's birth must be registered at the Civil Registry Office located either at the place of the child's birth or at the place of registration of the parents (mother and/or father). If a child is born in a hospital, a medical certificate serves as proof of the place of birth. In cases where a child is born at home, in transport, or in other settings, alternative evidence may be required. The parents' place of registration is verified by a stamp in their passports. If the residence and registration locations differ, the local Civil Registry Office may still register the child at the parents' registered address. However, due to the ongoing Russian invasion of Ukraine, many births occurring after the onset of the conflict have gone unregistered. In countries such as the United States, the use of the birth certificate to enforce racial segregation, policies of white supremacy, as part of indigenous erasure, and allotment of indigenous identity and lands has a history in the Jim Crow era and the 1924 Racial Integrity Act.[133][134][135] Problems stemming from the history of adoption laws, especially the practice of amending the original birth certificate and replacing the information with the adoptive parents "as if" they were the child's birth parents and sealing the original, has prompted a number of recent debates.[136][137] The use of birth certificates to enforce gender identity has also garnered attention regarding transgender rights.[138] Birth registration in ancient Rome Birth registration campaign in Liberia Closed adoption Death certificate Identity card Use of birth certificates in smart contracts Marriage certificate Marriage license Passport Sealed birth records Vital record People's Republic of China Marriage Certificate ^ "Goal 17 | Department of Economic and Social Affairs". sdgs.un.org. 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