

.01 Primary Verification Documents for CA and NA

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Acceptable primary citizenship documents to verify U.S. citizenship include the following:

- A birth certificate showing birth in the U.S., its territories, or possessions. (See [U.S. Citizenship](#))

EXCEPTION

Persons born to foreign diplomats residing in the U.S. are not U.S. citizens.

- Certificate of Birth issued by the Department of State (FS-545 or DPS-1350).
- U.S. Passport current or expired, except limited passports which are issued for periods of less than 5 years.
- U. S. Passport Card issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).
- Certificate of Naturalization (N-550 or N-570).
- Certificate of U.S. Citizenship (N-560 or N-561).
- Report of Birth Abroad of a U.S. Citizen (FS-240) issued by the U.S. State Department.
- U.S. Consular officers statement.
- A United States Citizen Identification Card (I-197).
- Northern Mariana Identification Card (I-873).
- A tribal enrollment card or Certificate of Indian Blood issued by a federally recognized Indian Tribe that shows that the person is enrolled or affiliated with that tribe.
- American Indian Card (I-872) issued by USCIS with the classification code KIC.

MA WARNING

See [MA Citizenship Verification](#) for acceptable documents.