

## DON U.S. Citizenship Acceptable Forms of Verification

The following documents are acceptable proof of citizenship:

a. The original U.S. birth certificate with a raised seal issued at the time of birth from one of the 50 States, or outlying territories or possessions.

b. A hospital birth certification (clinic and commercial birth center certification is not permitted) with an authenticating raised seal or signature, provided all vital information is given.

c. A delayed birth certificate provided it shows the birth record was filed within one year after birth; it bears the registrar's seal and signature, and cites secondary evidence such as a baptismal certificate, certificate of circumcision, affidavits of persons having personal knowledge of the facts of the birth or other official records such as early census, school or insurance.

d. **U.S. Passport (unexpired or expired)** or U.S. Passport issued to individual's parent in which the individual is included.

e. **FS-240** Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the U.S. of America/Consular Report of Birth.

f. **FS-545** Certification of Birth issued by a U.S. Consulate or DS-1350 the Department of State Certification.

g. **INS N-550/570** U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service Naturalization Certificates.

h. **INS N-560/561** U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service Certificates of Citizenship. If the individual does not have a Certificate of Citizenship, the original Certificate of Naturalization of the parent(s) may be accepted if the naturalization occurred while the individual was under 18 years of age (or under 16 years of age before 5 Oct 1978) and residing permanently in the U.S.

i. **Certificate of Birth** issued by the Canal Zone Government indicating U.S citizenship is only acceptable if verified by direct Government inquiry to: Vital Records Section, Passport Services, 1111 19<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Suite 510, Washington, D.C. 20522-1705.

j. **DD 372** Verification of Birth is acceptable for military members (officer and enlisted) provided the birth data is listed and verified by the Department of Vital statistics.

k. **DD 1966** Application for Enlistment into the Armed Forces of the U.S. is acceptable provided the documents are reviewed and attested to by a recruiting official.

The requirements and/or process for acquiring these forms can be obtained at the following websites: [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov) and [www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov).