

Consular Report of Birth Abroad Checklist

You must bring the **original** documents, or certified copy, and their single-sided **photocopies** for all the documents below. You must provide English translations for all foreign language documents. Original documents will be returned to you.

Form DS-5507:

- If one parent is not a U.S. citizen, or if the U.S. citizen parent who is transmitting citizenship to your child is not present when applying for a CRBA, that parent should complete [Form DS-5507](#) as supporting evidence. It can be used to list the periods of time they spent in the United States.
- If your child was born out-of-wedlock, and the father is a U.S. citizen or non-citizen U.S. national, use Form DS-5507 to acknowledge the child and voluntarily agree to financially support them. Form DS-5507 must be signed by the father at a U.S. embassy or consulate or in front of a U.S. or foreign official who registers births or who is responsible for oaths.

Indian Birth Certificate:

- The original certificate issued by the local authorities (including English translation, if applicable). The certificate must include the name of the child.

Proof of Parent's Citizenship:

- At least one of the following documents for the U.S. citizen parent(s): U.S. passport (valid or recently expired), original U.S. birth certificate, or original Certificate of Naturalization or Citizenship (if not born in the USA). **To qualify for a CRBA, the U.S. citizen parent must have been a U.S. citizen prior to the child's birth.**

Proof of Parents' Identity:

- Valid passports, U.S. driver's license, Indian Aadhar card, etc.

Proof of Bio Relationship:

- Proof of the relationship between the U.S. citizen parent(s) and the child. Bring evidence of the relationship between the parents, evidence the parents were in the same place at the time of conception, prenatal records (see below), and fertility agency documentation, if applicable.

Proof of Pregnancy:

- Original documents of prenatal/birth records and/or other evidence of mother's pregnancy. If any method of Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) was used to facilitate the child's conception, [appropriate medical records or medical](#)

[documentation](#) to establish the biological/genetic relationship between the child and their U.S. citizen parent(s) will be required.

Marriage/Divorce Certificate(s):

- If the parents are married, provide the original or certified copy of the marriage certificate and divorce certificates/orders or death decrees that terminated any prior marriages, if applicable.

Proof of Physical Presence:

- Physical presence is the actual time when the parent was physically located in the United States, not simply holding a status as a resident.
- This means that any travel outside the United States, including vacation, should be excluded. Physical presence in the United States can be any time **before** the child's birth. This can include the time before the U.S. citizen parent was naturalized as a U.S. citizen.
- The period of physical presence in the United States required to transmit citizenship depends on the child's date of birth and the marital status of the parents. Review the requirements [here](#).
- You must provide documentary evidence of physical presence. Primary documentation should include current and expired passports (copies of *all* pages), and transcripts from high school and/or college.
- If you don't have adequate evidence of physical presence from primary documents such as passports and transcripts, secondary documents may be used. Secondary documents include wage statements, DD214 Separation Statement (for military members), credit card bills, airline ticket stubs, and immigration paperwork. Please note that this list is not exhaustive. If you are unable to provide sufficient evidence, the application may be placed on hold until you submit further documentation.