



IMPORTANT NOTICE! Texas <u>and</u> California Abstract or Short Form Birth Certificates

To Passport Acceptance Agents:

If customer(s) submit Texas and California Abstract or Short Form (or wallet-size) Birth Certificates, please advise him/her that these documents are NOT acceptable as primary evidence of U.S. citizenship because the document does NOT list the entity and/or person (e.g., hospital, medical facility, medical physician or midwife) that filed the birth.

There is an exception to the rule:

• If a Texas Abstract Birth Certificate contains an "I" near the file date the birth document is given the same consideration as a long form. The "I" reflects that the birth document was filed by an Institution (e.g., hospital, medical center, etc).

