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Special Notice - New Requirement for U.S. Birth Certificates

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

PALCUS would like to bring the following important information to the community's attention:

New Requirement for U.S. Birth Certificates

Updated March 23, 2011

New U.S. Birth Certificate Requirement

Beginning April 1, 2011, the U.S. Department of State will require the full names of the applicant's parent(s) to be listed on **all** certified birth certificates to be considered as primary evidence of U.S. citizenship for all passport applicants, regardless of age. Certified birth certificates missing this information will not be acceptable as evidence of citizenship. This will not affect applications already in-process that have been submitted or accepted before the effective date.

For more information, see [22 CFR 51.42\(a\)](#).

To obtain a new birth certificate, see the [CDC](#).

In addition to this requirement, certified copies of birth certificates must also include the following information to be considered acceptable primary evidence of U.S. citizenship:

- Full name of the applicant
- Date of birth
- Place of birth
- Raised, embossed, impressed or multicolored seal of issuing authority
- Registrar's signature
- The date the certificate was filed with the registrar's office (must be within one year)

If you have a birth certificate that **does not** meet these requirements, please see [Secondary Evidence of U.S. Citizenship](#).

Source: Travel.State.Gov, A Service of the Bureau of Consular Affairs, US Dept of State, http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_5401.html#

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PALCUS Mission

In order to create a singular voice to advocate for the Portuguese American and Luso-American communities at large, the Portuguese American Leadership Council of the United States Inc. (PALCUS) was founded in 1991 as a 501 © 3 non partisan, non profit, organization headquartered in Washington D.C.

The PALCUS mission is to address domestic and international concerns of the Portuguese American Community.

The Council conducts an expanding program of educational and public affairs activities on issues of interest to the Portuguese American community and of salience to the Luso-American Relationship.

PALCUS is committed to serving the community through increasingly active government relations efforts, the promotion of a greater awareness of ethnic accomplishments and encouraging stronger ties between Portugal and the United States. In this role PALCUS advance the community professionally, politically and culturally while working to ensure that issues directly affecting our community are addressed through our network of government and community leaders.

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