

PHOTO ID REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLYING IN PERSON OR BY MAIL FOR A MICHIGAN BIRTH RECORD * Please Send Photocopies - Not Original Documents *

Under Michigan law, birth records are restricted documents, and a current valid, photo identification is required in order to establish eligibility to request and/or receive one (except for a birth record that is at least 100 years old). To protect you and the community from identity theft, we require a copy of the applicant's photo identification to be presented along with the application.

Individuals **under the age of 15** are unable to request a copy of their own birth record.

At least one of the following photo IDs:

- Michigan driver's license unexpired or expired for not more than one year
- State of Michigan identification card unexpired or expired for not more than one year
- Driver's license or official identification card issued by another state in the U.S., jurisdiction or territory, unexpired, or expired for not more than one year.
- Unexpired U.S. or foreign passport
- U.S. military identification, military dependent
- identification or veteran's identification

Or, if you do not have one of the above, at least one of the following photo IDs, with stated supporting documents:

- Employment identification with photo, accompanied with a pay stub or W-2 form
- School, university or college identification with photo, accompanied with a report card or other proof of current school enrollment
- Michigan driver's license expired for more than one year, accompanied by a motor vehicle registration or title, a bridge card, MI-Health card, inmate probation or discharge documents, a veteran's DD-214, or an original copy of an Affidavit of Parentage
- Department of Corrections identification card, accompanied by probation or discharge papers
- If an inmate currently incarcerated, a Department of Corrections identification card, accompanied by a verification of incarceration by the facility on letterhead

If you are unable to provide any of the above-mentioned forms of identification, please contact the Michigan Vital Records Office at 517-335-8666 and speak with a customer service representative.