



Important Information

U.S. Citizenship and Identity Requirements

Beginning September 1, 2006, a new federal law requires most people who are applying for medical benefits to show proof of U.S. citizenship **and** proof of identity.

This requirement does not apply to people who are:

- Not U.S. citizens (current requirements still apply)
- Receiving Medicare or Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Not applying for medical benefits (i.e., a family asking for benefits for the children would only need to provide the children's proof of citizenship and identity)
- Only applying for food benefits or cash benefits (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families – TANF)

How can you prove your U.S. citizenship and identity?

The best way to prove your U.S. citizenship and identity is with a:

- U.S. Passport, or
- Certificate of Naturalization, or
- Certificate of U.S. Citizenship

If you don't have one of these documents, you can prove your:

U.S. Citizenship with:

- Your U.S. birth certificate, or
- A Report or Certification of Birth Abroad of a U.S. Citizen, or
- U.S. Citizen ID card, or
- Final adoption decree, or
- Official Military Record of Service that shows a U.S. place of birth

Identity with:

- State issued driver's license or ID card, or
- School ID card, or
- Federal, State or local government ID card, or
- U.S. Military ID card or draft record

Born in Oregon?

If you were born in Oregon after 1920, we may be able to look up your birth certificate electronically. Remember, a birth certificate only proves U.S. citizenship. You will still be required to give us proof of identity.

We must see your original documents

We must look at your original documents or copies certified by the issuing agency. We cannot accept photocopies. This means that you must:

- Take your documents to any DHS field office (call 1-800-699-9075 for locations), **or**
- Mail them to:
 - CAF – SSP
 - PO Box 3239
 - Oregon City, OR 97045

If you mail in your documents, we will mail them back to you.

We have also hired six temporary staff to help us look at your citizenship and identity documentation. The temporary staff are located in DHS field offices in:

- Portland, at 8129 SE Malden St
- Beaverton, at 12901 SW Jenkins Road, Suite B
- Oregon City, at 315 S. Beaver Creek Rd
- Eugene, at 2885 Chad Drive
- Salem, at 3420 Cherry Ave, Suite 110, and
- Medford, at 800 Cardley St

Don't have the necessary documents?

If you do not have the documents you need, call your local DHS field office or 1-800-699-9075:

- For information about where to get the documents
 - For other ways to prove your citizenship and identity
 - To explain why you can't get the documents
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