

Fact Sheet: Verification of Age

Photocopies of birth date documents and, if applicable, beneficiary birth date documents are required before benefits are paid. We will not accept documents that are incomplete, appear to be altered, or are difficult to read. If your documents are not accepted, you will need to submit new photocopies. Please include your Social Security number on all documents submitted, including beneficiary forms.

Group 1

If one item of this group is furnished showing birth dates, no further evidence of age is needed.

Any ONE of these:

- Birth verification issued by state, county, or country (documents issued by foreign governments in a language other than English need to include a translation into English certified by a notary public, public agency, or other public official)
- Infant baptism certificate
- Hospital birth certificate (if signed by attending physician or issued by state)
- Passport (current or expired)
- School age record
- Family Bible record: if this record is furnished, include the following information certified by a notary public or other public official: copy of all family record entries in the Bible referring to applicant and parents, brothers, and sisters; Bible publication date or apparent age of Bible; when birth date was entered and by whom
- Naturalization or citizenship papers

Group 2

Two items of this group from different sources are sufficient if age or birth date shown.

Any TWO of these:

- A notarized affidavit by an older, immediate family member in a position to know the birth date (e.g., father, mother, etc.)
- Certificate of military record
- Marriage record (record must show your age or date of birth at time of marriage)
- Copy of driver's license
- County Voter registration (must show your age or date of birth; do not send in your precinct card)
- Copy of child's birth certificate if it shows age of parents
- Social Security record (record must be displayed on an estimate of benefits or screen print from the Social Security office. Document must be dated within last 12 months.)

Example: One child's birth certificate and one driver's license.

- If it is impossible for you to furnish the proof required in Group 1 or 2, write to PERS with a full explanation.
- Since the documents submitted cannot be returned, we suggest using photocopies. If it is illegal to copy a document, bring it in, and PERS will verify the birth information.
- Be sure to put the PERS member's Social Security number on all documents so they are properly recorded. Providing your Social Security number (SSN) is voluntary. It will be used for confirmation purposes. Failure to supply your SSN may delay the processing of this form.