

Citizenship and Identity Verification Documents – T1 – T4

T1 Documents (Only Tier 1 documents are considered by the federal government to document both citizenship and identity).

- US Passport.
- Enhanced Drivers license or state ID (only if issuing state verifies citizenship to issue enhanced document)
- Certificate of Naturalization.
- Certificate of Citizenship.
- Tribal Membership Card with picture.

T2 Documents

- Official state/county US birth certificate. ***
- Other certification of birth issued by the Department of State.
- Department of Health (DOH) printout for Washington State Birth
- US Citizen ID card.
- Final adoption decree in the US.
- Evidence of civil service employment by the US government before June 1976.
- Official military record of service that shows a US place of birth.

*****NOTE: A "hospital" birth certificate is considered by the federal government to be a souvenir and DOES NOT meet the federal requirement for any "T" level of verification.**

T3 - Examples

The T3 tier of verification **must be created 5 years before** the date of initial application or eligibility review.

- Religious records within 3 months of birth showing US place of birth.
- Early school record showing a US place of birth.
- Insurance company records (life or health), that indicate a US place of birth.
- US hospital record **created at the time of birth**, indicating a US place of birth such as:
 - Chart notes of the birth.
 - Hospital records of the baby's stay in the hospital.
- Other document that shows a U.S. place of birth that was created at least 5 years prior to the client's initial application for Medicaid.

T4 - Examples

- Federal or State census record indicating US citizenship or US place of birth.
- Institutional admission papers indicating a US place of birth and created 5 years before the date of initial application or review.
- Other medical records (clinic, doctor, or hospital), created five years before the date of initial application or review that indicate a US place of birth.
- Citizenship Affidavit (DSHSH 27-033)
The *Citizenship Documentation and Identity Declaration form (DSHS 13-789)* does not fulfill this requirement.
- **Clients exempt from citizenship requirements due to SSI, Medicare or receiving SSA disability if no level T1 or T2 exists.**

Identity - Examples

- A current state driver's license with individual's picture.
- A state identity card with individual's picture.
- A US American Indian/Alaska Native tribal document.
- Military identification card with individual's picture.
- For disabled individuals in residential care facilities the facility administrator or director may submit affidavits attesting to the client's identity.

A child under the age of 16 (or 16-17 if they have no ID verification above) may present the following documents as evidence of identity:

- Citizenship Documentation and Identity Declaration form (DSHS 13-789) signed by the parent or guardian attesting to the child's identity.
- School record (including daycare and nursery school records)
- Clinic, doctor or hospital record.