



*Consulate General of the United States of America
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
American Citizen Services Unit
4 Le Duan, District 1 - Phone: (84) (8) 8229433*

REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING "CONSULAR REPORT OF BIRTH ABROAD" AND U.S. PASSPORT FOR A CHILD BORN IN VIETNAM

A child born outside of the United States acquires U.S. citizenship at birth when the child meets the transmission requirement as follows:

1. At least one *natural* parent of the child must have been a U.S. citizen when the child was born. The only exception is for a posthumous child.
2. a. A child born to two United States citizens, one of whom had a residence in the U.S. prior to the child's birth
- b. A child born on or after November 14, 1986, of one American and one alien parent and the American parent has been physically present in the U.S. prior the birth of the child for a minimum period of five years, at least two of which were after that parent's fourteenth birthday.
- c. A child born to an unwed American citizen mother and the mother has been physically present in the U.S. prior to the birth of the child for a minimum period of one continuous year.

For children not covered in the above categories, please contact the American Citizen Services Unit.

Documentary evidence of the claimed physical presence may be required at the consular officer's request.

A child with one parent is required to be physically present at the time of submitting the application on the appointed date. Please call the American Citizen Services Unit of the U.S Consulate General at 84-8-8229433, extension: 2159 to make an appointment for application submission.

Please submit the following items to the American Citizens Services Unit of the Consulate General of the United States of America in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Please submit them in the following order at your appointment:

- 1. Form DS-11 (Application for U.S. Passport)**
- 2. Form DS-2029 (Application for Consular Report of Birth Abroad of Citizen of the United States of America)**
- 3. Affidavit of Parentage and Physical Presence**
- 4. Form SS-5 (Application for Social Security Number Card)**
- 5. Evidence of the U.S. citizenship of the American parent(s)** (an original U.S. passport or Naturalization Certificate, or a certified true copy from a U.S. notary public of either document with two sets of photocopies).

6. Identity card or passport of the non-American parent. Please submit the original, with two sets of photocopies.

7. Marriage certificate of parents, if applicable. Please submit the original, with one photocopy.

8. Official Vietnamese birth certificate of the child. Please submit the original, with two sets of photocopies.

9. Supporting evidence of the relationship between the mother and the father, e.g. wedding photos, letters, etc.

10. Supporting evidence of the child's birth, e.g. hospital/pre-natal records, receipts, sonograms, photos of the mother while pregnant, etc.

11. Documentary evidence of the termination of any previous marriages of either parent (e.g. original or certified copy of divorce decree, death certificate, etc.) for all previous spouse(s).

12. Fee of U.S. 135 dollars. (\$70 for passport fee, \$65 for Report of Birth Abroad fee.) (Only U.S. dollars are accepted)

13. Other requirements for child born to U.S. citizen father and alien mother:

a. Evidence of both parents' physical presence in the state/country at the time of the child's conception (such as passport showing visa stamps, airline tickets, travel agency printouts, police registration books, etc.)

b. If the parents of the child have been living as "de factos", please present proof of your relationship and at least 2 witnesses' notarized affidavits attesting to their knowledge of both parents' relationship and their child. One of the witnesses should not be related to either of the parents. Witnesses' affidavits must be notarized by a Consular Officer. Certified copies of the witnesses' identifying documents (such as passport, driver's license etc) bearing his/her full names and signatures should be attached to the affidavits.

c. If the alien mother was still legally married to another person other than the child's U.S. citizen father, or divorce from her previous marriage has not been finalized, at the time of conception and/or birth of the child, evidence of the mother's separation from her ex-husband should be presented.

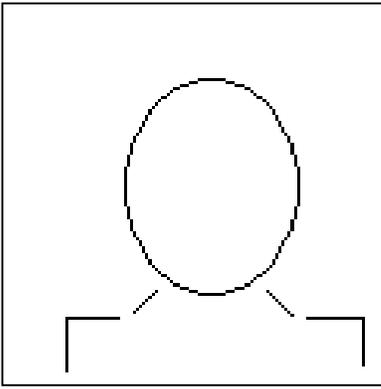
Documents in Vietnamese must be translated into English.

Depending on circumstances, additional evidence and documentation may be required.

U.S. passport: Hộ Chiếu Hoa Kỳ:

- **Two 2x2-inch (5x5-cm) photographs of the child** taken according to the attached instruction attached are required if parents are also applying for a passport for the child at the same time.
- **Both parents must appear together to sign the child's passport application.** If one parent is present, he/she must present the attached form DS-3053 -Statement Of Consent: Issuance Of A Passport To A Minor Under Age 14 signed by the second parent.

U.S. PASSPORT PHOTOGRAPH REQUIREMENTS



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- ❑ Dimensions : Photo size is 5 centimeters by 5 centimeters (2x2 inches)
- ❑ Image size from bottom of chin to top of head should be between 2.5 & 3.5 centimeters (1 inch & 1 3/8 inches)
- ❑ No Polaroids or snapshots
- ❑ Photos may be color or black and white
- ❑ Photos must be identical
- ❑ Photos must have white background
- ❑ Photos must be full face, front view
- ❑ Photographs should be taken in normal street attire, without a hat or headgear that obscures the hair or hairline
- ❑ Uniforms should not be worn in photographs with the exception of religious attire which is worn daily
- ❑ If prescription glasses, a hearing device, wig or similar articles are normally and consistently worn, they should be worn when the picture is taken
- ❑ Dark glasses or nonprescription glasses with tinted lenses are not acceptable unless required for medical reasons. A medical certificate may be required to support the wearing of such glasses in photographs.

You are free to bring photographs from the photo shop of your choice. Because of the variety of different standard photograph sizes and specifications, we suggest that you give the photo shop this requirements sheet. The Consulate cannot be responsible for unacceptable photographs.

Suggested Photo Shop in central Ho Chi Minh City:

Photo Quang

70D Nguyễn Huệ,

Quận 1, Thành Phố Hồ Chí Minh