



**The following instructions are provided to assist American citizens who wish to report the birth of their child in Brazil. This service is provided at the Consulate for U.S. citizens whose child(ren) was(were) born in the States of Rio de Janeiro, Bahia, Minas Gerais, Sergipe and Espirito Santo.**

**Both parents must come in person with the child and should bring the following documents (in addition to the DS-11, DS-2029, SS-5, and Affidavit of Parentage and Physical Presence listed under required documents):**

1. The original of the Brazilian Government Birth Certificate.
2. The original of the parent's Civil Marriage Certificate (if applicable).
3. If one or both parents have been previously married, the original of the document terminating such marriage(s), i.e. Divorce Decree, Death Certificate, etc.
4. Satisfactory evidence that the child is the natural child of the mother whose name appears on the Birth Certificate. This may be in the form of medical reports covering pre-natal care, a doctor's signed statement attesting to pre-natal treatment or other evidence as may be required by the Consular Officer. There are also situations which, on occasion, necessitate further proof to verify the relationship between the parents and the child. Adequate pre and postnatal documentation and registration at this Consulate as soon as possible after the child's birth is strongly encouraged to avoid problems.
5. Evidence of the parent's American citizenship. This may be in the form of a valid American passport, or the original of a birth certificate showing birth in the U.S., or a U.S. Certificate of Naturalization. If one parent is not a U.S. citizen he/she must present his/her passport and a Brazilian ID Card if he/she is a resident of Brazil.
6. Case in which only one parent is an American citizen and the child has been born outside of the United States, the American citizen parent must present evidence of the periods of physical presence in the U.S.A. prior to the birth of the child (5 years physical presence in the United States, of which 2 after the age of 14). This is a general guideline only. Transmission requirements vary by child's date of birth and civil status of parents. U.S. citizen parent may use school records, income taxes, as proof of residency in the USA.
7. Originals of all documents presented will be returned to the reporting parent(s). The copies will be certified and will accompany the final report of birth, which is submitted to the Department of State for permanent record keeping.
8. The **fee** for the preparation of the Report of Birth Abroad is U\$65 which can be paid at the U.S. Consulate in dollars or reais equivalent IN CASH, or international credit card.
9. Children born in Brazil to American parents, except those in diplomatic or official status, acquire Brazilian Citizenship at birth as well as having a possible claim to American Citizenship. They are dual nationals, and are required to have Brazilian passports to leave Brazil. They will need American passports to enter the United States or other countries. If the Brazilian passport was already issued, please provide it at the moment of interview.

10. A **Report of Birth Abroad** cannot be issued after the child has passed his eighteenth birthday, although the child may still be eligible to obtain an American passport.
11. Child's Brazilian passport (if already issued by the Brazilian authorities)