



Passport Services
Bureau of Consular Affairs
U.S. Department of State

IMPORTANT NOTICE
to
PASSPORT APPLICATION ACCEPTANCE AGENTS

PLEASE POST THIS NOTICE IN PLAIN VIEW OF ALL ACCEPTANCE AGENTS

As of October 30, 2010 the Department of State will only accept Puerto Rican birth certificates issued on or after July 1, 2010 as primary evidence of U.S. citizenship.

Beginning October 30, 2010, your facility should only accept Puerto Rican birth certificate issued on or after July 1, 2010. Affected customers that do not yet have a new Puerto Rican birth certificate should be referred to the official websites below for information on how to apply for their birth certificates.

Customers looking for more information on the Puerto Rican birth certificate law may visit the **Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration website at:**

www.prfaa.com/birthcertificates/ (English)

www.prfaa.com/certificadosdenacimiento/ (Spanish)

If a customer insists on submitting his/her invalid Puerto Rico birth certificate, please do not refuse the customer and continue to accept/execute the application and follow normal acceptance procedures for submission to your regional passport agency or center.

This new law **will not** affect Puerto Rican citizens who currently have a U.S. passport and are eligible to submit Form DS-82: *Application for a U.S. Passport by Mail*.

Thank You!