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April 8, 2024

Hon. Mary Killiktee MLA, Uqqummiut Legislative Assembly of Nunavut 926 Sivumugiaq Street Iqaluit, NU X0A 3H0

Re: Nunavummiut Application for a Birth Certificate

Dear Ms. Killiktee,

During the Winter Sitting, on February 28th, you asked if there are agreements in place with other jurisdictions to provide support to Nunavummiut who are born outside of the territory to receive their Birth Registration and Birth Certificate documents. I wanted to follow up with all Members of the Legislative Assembly so that we can provide everyone with information to share with their constituents.

As you are aware, a Birth Certificate is an important piece of identification (ID) that will be needed for future applications for such things as an application for the child tax credit, a social insurance number, a Government of Nunavut (GN) general ID, driver's licence, and an application for a passport. To avoid concerns and problems that are usually encountered with applying for any type of government issue ID, it is suggested that an early application for government issue ID is always a good idea. Please note all of this information is public information so feel free to share with your constituency assistants and constituents.

There are no agreements in place to assist citizens in filling out applications for Birth Certificates, however Government Liaison Officers (GLOs) in communities can assist with filling out forms.

In its simplest form the process is:

- 1. Register the Birth
 - Before applying for a Birth Certificate, the applicant needs to register the baby's birth. When a baby is born, a nurse will assist the applicant in filling out a form with the baby's information, including their name and parent's names.
- 2. Application Form

- After registering the child's birth, the applicant can apply for the Birth Certificate. Attached for your ease of reference is the Birth Certificate Application Form from the Department of Health (Health)
- Health can provide Birth Certificates dating back to the creation of Nunavut on April 1, 1999. If born before April 1, 1999, this information will be with the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT). For more information on how to access a Birth Certificate with the GNWT information can be found on their website at the following link:

Order a Birth Certificate | Health and Social Services (gov.nt.ca)

 When completing the application, please ensure that all the information provided on the application form is accurate.

3. Fee

- The fee for a Birth Certificate is \$10.00 per certificate.
- You can pay by cheque or money order made payable to the GN
- 4. Application Submission
 - Mail the completed application from to the following address:

Nunavut Vital Statistics Department of Health Box 889 Rankin Inlet, NU X0C 0G0

Before mailing the application, it is suggested to make a photocopy of the application, so the applicant has a copy for their reference

5. More Information

More information can be found on the GN website at the following link:

Birth Certificate | Government of Nunavut

In your question, you also stated you were recently informed that for Nunavummiut born before 1999, the Birth Certificates issued by Vital Statistics in the Northwest Territories are no longer valid and needed to be renewed. You also noted that people applying for passports are having their applications returned and that it could be due to the old Birth Certificates no longer being recognized.

Now that the GNWT is offering the more secure polymer style Birth Certificate, Passport Canada is sometimes requesting the polymer style instead of the old paper certificate (wallet style). The Birth Certificates do not have to be renewed but instead replaced.

In short, the older style paper Birth Certificate (wallet style) from GNWT remains valid for most services, Nunavummiut can mail in their old Birth Certificates to the Vital Statistics Office of the GNWT to get a free replacement polymer certificate. The mailing address is:

Vital Statistics
Health Services Administration Office
Health and Social Services
Bag #9
Inuvik, NT X0E 0T0

In the coming months, HEA will be issuing Public Service Announcements to inform Nunavummiut of this change.

If you have any questions or require further information, please call our toll-free number at 1-800-661-0833, or email: nuvitalstatistics@gov.nu.ca

Matna,

Hon. John Main Minister of Heath

Minister responsible for Suicide Prevention

cc. Full Caucus

Lori Idlout, MP, Nunavut

Megan Hunt, Deputy Minister, Government of Nunavut, Department of Health

John Quirke, Clerk, Legislative Assembly of Nunavut



APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE

Please check the one you are applying for:

Nunavut	BIRTH	DEATH		
BIRTH CERT	IFICATE	RESTRICTED PH	HOTOCOPY	
Surname	Given Names		Male Female	
Date of Birth(yy/mm/dd)	Place of Birth (C	ity, Town or Village)	Office Use Only	
Father (Parent) surname	Given Names		Date of Registration	
Mother (Parent) surname prior to marriage	Given Names		Registration Number	
MARRIAGE WALL	ET SIZE PAPER S	SIZE RESTRICTED	PHOTOCOPY	
Spouse surname prior to marriage	Given Names		Office Use Only	
Spouse surname prior to marriage	Given Names		Date of Registration	
Date of Marriage(yy/mm/dd)	Place of Marriage (City, Town or Village)		Registration Number	
DEATH PAPER	R SIZE ONLY			
Surname of Deceased	Given Names	Age	Male Female	
Date of Death(yy/mm/dd) Place of Death(City, Town or Village)		Office Use Only		
Permanent Residence of Deceased Prior to Death			Date of Registration	
Marital Status	If Married, Spouse surname prior to marriage		Registration Number	
Name of Parent (father) of Deceased	Maiden name of	Parent (Mother) of Decease	d	
REASON(S) FOR REQUESTING CERTI	FICATES			
I require these certificate(s) for the following r				
Relationship to Person Applica	nt's Signature	Date	Work Phone#	
Number of Certificates X \$10.0	00 = Fee Enclos	sed Cheque	Home Phone#	
DO NOT SEND CASH THROUG	H THE MAIL	Money Order		
Mail To		C	Office Use Only	
Mailing Address		Receipt#	Amount Received	
		Notas	\$	
City, Town or Village	Postal Code	Notes		
- y, 		Certificate#	Date Mailed	

Important information and mailing details on reverse.

Information

Important: Payment must accompany application

Please make cheque or money order payable to: GOVERNMENT OF NUNAVUT

Nunavut Vital Statistics can only process requests for events that occurred in Nunavut on or after April 1, 1999. These events include births, marriages and deaths.

A birth certificate contains the following information:

Full name of person

Date and place of birth

Sex

Registration number and registration date

Parent or Parents names (see note)

Note: A certificate will indicate surname of parent or parents prior to marriage.

A marriage certificate, either wallet or paper size contains the following information:

Name of the parties to the marriage

Date and place of marriage

Date of registration and registration number

Note: The place of birth for both parties is included on the paper size certificate. A certificate will indicate surnames prior to marriage.

A certified photocopy of a registration of an event is a restricted document. This document contains all the particulars with respect to the registration, and is usually required for legal purposes.

A certified copy can only be issued if authorized by the Registrar General of Vital Statistics or on the order of the court. A full explanation of why such documents are required must be stated.

Fee Schedule: The fee for each birth, marriage or death certificate is \$10.00.

DO NOT SEND CASH THROUGH THE MAIL

In order for a document to be processed all information must be completed on the application (section you are applying for). Failure to do so will result in delays.

Return this application and payment to

Registrar General of Vital Statistics Nunavut Department of Health Box 889 Rankin Inlet, NU X0C 0G0

Phone: 1-800-661-0833 Fax: 867-645-8092