The US Department of State has special requirements for birth certificates from **TEXAS, CALIFORNIA, and PUERTO RICO**. Please read the following information carefully to avoid a delay in processing your passport application.

**Texas**

Texas issued birth certificates must have a hospital name listed. Generally, long-form birth certificates will have a hospital name listed and are acceptable. However, short-forms do not list a name of a hospital. **Short-form Texas birth certificates are accepted ONLY if there is a letter “I” printed next to the date filed.** The US Department of State will not accept short-form birth certificates without the “I”.

If you need to order a new Texas birth certificate, please visit the Texas Department of State Health Services Vital Statistics website at https://www.dshs.texas.gov/vs/.

Long-Form

Short-Form
California issued birth certificates must have a hospital name listed. Generally, long-form birth certificates will have a hospital name listed and are acceptable. **California Certified Abstract of Births are NOT accepted by the US Department of State.**

If you need to order a new California birth certificate, please visit the California Department of Public Health website at https://www.cdph.ca.gov/.

Puerto Rico birth certificates must be issued after July 1, 2010 to be acceptable proof of citizenship as mandated by the Puerto Rico Birth Certificate Law of 2009.