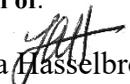


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Subject: Understanding the "Certification of No Birth Record" Document	Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Transitory	Number: 2022-07
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The Bureau of Health Statistics and Registries (BHSR) issues a “Certification of No Birth Record” in response to an application for a birth certificate, where a birth record matching the information provided cannot be found. This document is issued on security stock and bears a clearly identify the vital record that could not be located.

The Certification of No Birth Record is not an alternative to a birth certificate, and therefore, should not be treated as a valid document for establishing an individual’s identity and should not be accepted as a form of identification. The Certification of No Birth Record only serves to certify that there is no record on file for a Pennsylvania birth matching the specified event. It may be used, with other supporting documentation, to file a Delayed Report of Live Birth. Once a delayed birth record is established with BHSR, a birth certificate may be issued.

The “No Record” determination is made only after a comprehensive search has been completed by BHSR to locate a record. Search methods incorporate fuzzy matching techniques to account for scenarios where the information known to the applicant is incomplete or bears discrepancies to the record as filed.

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