

YOUR WORKING CHECKLIST

Lost citizenship evidence: USCIS certificate, CRBA or passport

Do I replace a lost citizenship certificate through the passport office?

The institution that issued the document controls its replacement process. USCIS's N-565 inquiry concerns replacement naturalization or citizenship documents, while State handles passports and CRBA records. Losing evidence does not mean repeating the citizenship event, and a correction differs from a newly acquired status.

Check the boxes on screen or by hand. Use the notes area for records to find and questions to ask.

Your preparation checklist

- ☐ Identify the document's exact name and issuing institution.
- ☐ Distinguish loss, damage, original error and a later legal change.
- ☐ Preserve prior copies and authoritative name-change records privately.
- ☐ Read the current issuer's original-document and replacement requirements.

Notes and questions to follow up

Source links and current instructions

Sources checked October 25, 2026. Follow current instructions at the linked institution.

USCIS: Form N-565: replacement citizenship and naturalization documents

<https://www.uscis.gov/n-565>

USCIS: Naturalization ceremonies

<https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/learn-about-citizenship/naturalization-ceremonies>

U.S. Department of State: Consular Report of Birth Abroad: citizenship evidence

<https://travel.state.gov/en/international-travel/living-abroad/birth.html>

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Source links (continued)

U.S. Department of State: Passport application: citizenship evidence and document distinctions

<https://travel.state.gov/en/passports/apply/help/citizenship-evidence.html>

USCIS: Commonly asked questions about naturalization: name change

<https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/learn-about-citizenship/commonly-asked-questions-about-the-naturalization-process>

Immigrant Insider: Editorial policy and verification status

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