

Citizenship by Birth on Soil
Key questions for provinces and territories based on implementation scenario 3

Written responses to be submitted to CIC by August 31st
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1. **How does your jurisdiction currently register births (electronically, paper based, etc.)?**
 In Ontario, births may be registered online or via mail through the completion of the Statement of Live Birth form.
2. **Of the total number of birth certificates issued by your jurisdiction each year, what is the percentage of "long form" birth certificates (i.e., listing parents' names) issued?**
 Not available
3. **In your jurisdiction, can a person request a copy of his/her parent's birth certificate?**
 Existing Ontario policy does not allow children to request a copy of the Ontario Birth Certificate of a living parent.
4. **In order to obtain access to services such as health, education, social assistance, what documents do you currently require?**

Whether applying for a new or replacement health card, a client must bring three original documents to prove citizenship/immigration status, residency in Ontario and identity. With regards to citizenship/immigration status, proof of Canadian citizenship (often an Ontario birth certificate from a Canadian province or territory) or proof of other OHIP eligible immigration status is required. A complete list of acceptable documents for proof of citizenship is as follows:

Canadian Citizens

- Birth Certificate from a Canadian province or territory
- Canadian Certificate of Registration of Birth Abroad
- Certified Statement of Live Birth from a Canadian province or territory
- Certificate of Canadian Citizenship (*paper document or card, not commemorative issue*)
- Certificate of Naturalization (*paper document or card, not commemorative issue*)
- Certificate of Indian Status (*paper or plastic card*)
- Registered Indian Record (*certified*)
- Valid Canadian Passport or Canadian Passport expired not more than 5 years

Permanent Residents / Landed Immigrants

- Canadian Immigration Identification Card
- Confirmation of Permanent Residence (*IMM 5292, 5688*)
- Valid Permanent Resident Card (or card expired not more than five years)
- Record of Landing (*IMM 1000*)

Other Immigration Status

- Letter from Immigration and Refugee Board confirming Convention Refugee or Protected Person status
- Protected Person Status document
- Temporary Resident Permit (*restrictions apply*)
- Work Permit (*proof of full-time employment in Ontario may be required*)
- Written confirmation from Citizenship and Immigration Canada that client is eligible to apply for Canadian citizenship under section 5.1 of the *Citizenship Act (Canada)*
- Written confirmation from CIC that client is eligible to apply for permanent residence in Canada

5. **What are the major financial, legislative, regulatory, privacy, and policy implications of this change, if implementing through scenario 3?**

Please see 'Ontario's Position' attachment with letter for details on the financial, legislative, regulatory, privacy, and policy implications.

6. **What would this change mean for different stakeholders in PTs, e.g., hospital administrators, licensing bodies, education, e-services, etc?**

Please see 'Ontario's Position' attachment with letter for details on impacts to stakeholders, operations, and services.

7. **How long would it take to implement the proposed approach, eg would one year to prepare to implement this change be enough?**

An Ontario implementation plan would require significant time for consultations and involve coordinating with several ministries. One year would not be enough time to implement this change.

8. **What are the implications for your jurisdiction if PTs adopt different implementation approaches?**

The scope of implications cannot be clarified at this point as PTs approaches are unknown. More information from all PTs would be needed to determine the implications.