

# Legal Authorities

## Request For Overseas U.S. Citizen Vital Records Services

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1. 8 U.S.C. 1104 Powers and Duties of the Secretary of State  
<https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/USCODE-2018-title8/USCODE-2018-title8-chap12-subchapI-sec1104>
2. 8 U.S.C. 1401 Nationals and Citizens of United States at Birth  
<https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/USCODE-2018-title8/USCODE-2018-title8-chap12-subchapIII-partI-sec1401>
3. 8 U.S.C. 1403 Persons Born in the Canal Zone or Republic of Panama on or after February 26, 1904  
<https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/USCODE-2018-title8/USCODE-2018-title8-chap12-subchapIII-partI-sec1403>
4. 8 U.S.C. 1408 Nationals but not Citizens of the United States at Birth  
<https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/USCODE-2018-title8/USCODE-2018-title8-chap12-subchapIII-partI-sec1408>
5. 8 U.S.C. 1409 Children Born Out of Wedlock  
<https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/USCODE-2018-title8/USCODE-2018-title8-chap12-subchapIII-partI-sec1409>
6. 8 U.S.C. 1504(b) Consular Report of Birth Abroad  
<https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/USCODE-2018-title8/USCODE-2018-title8-chap12-subchapIII-partIV-sec1504>
7. 22 U.S.C. 2705 Documentation of citizenship  
<https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/USCODE-2018-title22/USCODE-2018-title22-chap38-sec2705>
8. 22 U.S.C. 2715b Notification of next of kin; reports of death  
<https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/USCODE-2018-title22/USCODE-2018-title22-chap38-sec2715b>
9. 22 C.F.R. 50.2 Determination of U.S. nationality of persons abroad  
<https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/CFR-2019-title22-vol1/CFR-2019-title22-vol1-sec50-2>

10. 22 C.F.R. 50.5 Application for registration of birth abroad  
<https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/CFR-2019-title22-vol1/CFR-2019-title22-vol1-sec50-5>
11. 22 C.F.R. 50.7 Consular Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States of America  
<https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/CFR-2019-title22-vol1/CFR-2019-title22-vol1-sec50-7>
12. 22 C.F.R. 72.4 -72.6 Reporting Deaths of United States Nationals  
<https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/CFR-2019-title22-vol1/CFR-2019-title22-vol1-sec72-6>
13. 22 C.F.R. 171.22(d) Request for access to records  
[https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-22/chapter-I/subchapter-R/part-171/subpart-C#p-171.22\(d\)](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-22/chapter-I/subchapter-R/part-171/subpart-C#p-171.22(d))
14. 12 Stat. 72, Ch. 179, Sec. 31, June 22, 1860 Marriage Abroad in Presence of Consular Officer; restated in R.S. 4082, repealed in R.S. 5596
15. 104 Stat. 27, Pub. Law 101-246, Sec. 123, February 16, 1990 Consular Officer Duties; repealed Sec. 31 of 12 Stat. 72; 22 U.S.C. 4192