

JUSTIFICATION FOR CHANGE

AFFIDAVIT OF PHYSICAL PRESENCE OR RESIDENCE, PARENTAGE, AND SUPPORT

OMB# 1405-0187

DS-5507

The Department of State intends to add “Notary Public” to the witness options that are available on the DS-5507.

Changes (highlighted in yellow) are as follows:

- On instruction page 1, in 'How to Complete this Form': Part II and III of this document must be signed before a Consular Officer, Passport Specialist, **Notary Public**, or Designated Consular/Acceptance Agent at the time the oath is sworn.
- On application page 2, in 'Part II': Part II of this document must be signed before a Consular Officer, Passport Specialist, **Notary Public**, or Designated Consular/Acceptance Agent at the time the oath is sworn.
- On application page 2, in 'Part II' under the second signature line: Signature and Title of Consular Officer, Passport Specialist, **Notary Public**, or Designated Consular/Acceptance Agent Administering Oath
- On application page 3, in 'Part III': Part III of this document must be signed before a Consular Officer, Passport Specialist, **Notary Public**, or Designated Consular/Acceptance Agent at the time the oath is sworn.

These minor edits to the 5507 would enshrine the current practice of permitting the U.S. citizen parent to complete the form stateside (usually the father of a child born abroad out of wedlock) while the other (usually alien) parent submits the DS-2029 and appears with the child at post.