

Birthdate Evidence Alternatives

NYCERS requires a copy of your birth certificate and, in some cases, a copy of your beneficiary's birth certificate to calculate retirement benefits. If you cannot provide a legible copy of a birth certificate (free of markings and erasures) in English, NYCERS will accept the alternative documentation listed below as evidence of a birthdate. **Please write your Member Number on any document that you submit.**

Note: If your (and/or your beneficiary's) name is different from the name on the birthdate evidence, you must provide additional valid documentation explaining the name change, such as a court order, a copy of a marriage certificate or divorce papers. See [Proof of Identity Fact Sheet #711](#) for more information.

Birth certificates from Puerto Rico issued prior to July 1, 2010 are **invalid** and therefore not acceptable.

If the birth certificate is not in English, please submit a notarized English translation of the birth certificate and a copy of the original.

If you cannot obtain a birth certificate, please submit a copy of **one (1)** of the following documents that show a birthdate:

- Social Security Administration letter
- Hospital birth record
- Ecclesiastical record or religious document (must show birthdate or age)
- State or Federal census record
- Current Resident Alien or Permanent Resident Card
- Current U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport Card
- Naturalization (citizenship) certificate
- A "delayed" birth certificate
- Current REAL ID or Enhanced ID
- Current Global Entry Card

If you do not have a birth certificate or any of the documents listed above, you (and/or your beneficiary) must complete and submit [Birth Evidence Affidavit Form #205](#) to NYCERS with a copy of any **three (3)** of the following documents that show a birthdate:

- School record
- Signed statement by the physician or midwife who was in attendance at birth
- Bible or other family record (do not remove any pages – bring the full record or book to NYCERS' Walk-in Center)
- Insurance policy

- Marriage record
- Employment record
- Child's birth certificate showing your (or your beneficiary's) birthdate
- Immigration record
- Hospital chart/record
- Current Foreign Passport
- Labor union or fraternal records
- Permits
- Licenses
- Voter registration
- Current NYC Municipal ID Card