

2402.10.15.05 CHILDREN BORN ABROAD TO NON-CITIZENS

In some instances, children born abroad do not automatically acquire their parents' citizenship, nationality, or immigration status. Children born abroad must be reported and registered with the nearest embassy or consulate to establish a record of the child's citizenship or nationality. It should not be ~~presumed, presumed~~ that a child born abroad to at least one parent of another country automatically obtains dual citizenship. Approved U.S. Immigration documentation must be provided as evidence of citizenship or nationality. [For the most up-to-date list of approved CHE documentation refer to https://www.uscis.gov/save/save-resources/information-for-save-users-cuban-haitian-entrants.](https://www.uscis.gov/save/save-resources/information-for-save-users-cuban-haitian-entrants)

Children born outside of Cuba/Haiti to Cuban/Haitian parent(s) **are not** considered Cuban Haitian Entrants (CHE) unless approved U.S. Immigration documentation is provided as proof of citizenship or nationality and SAVE verification confirms status (Refer to 2402.20.40).¹ When a nationality other than Cuban or Haitian is noted in the "Country of Citizenship" section of SAVE verification for CHEs, the person is **ineligible** for services under the Cuban-Haitian Entrant category.² Parents who are CHE must register all children born abroad with embassy or consulate and provide evidence of child's citizenship or nationality to the Department of Homeland Security Services (DHS). The immigration status and citizenship for children born abroad should always be verified through SAVE when individual or family attest to a "qualified alien" status.

Approved U.S. Immigration Documentation for Cuban/Haitian Children Born Abroad

- Unexpired Cuban/Haitian passport
- Nationality Certificate or Identity Card
- [Non-Haitian birth certificate listing a Haitian national parent \(parent must have approved documentation or evidence of Haitian nationality\)³](#)
- Citizenship Letter
- Certificate of naturalization or certificate of citizenship issued by the Haitian government accompanied by photo identification

Note: A consular certificate documenting an individual's birth outside of Cuba to at least one Cuban parent is not sufficient evidence to establish Cuban citizenship.

¹ Title V of the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980

² 8 U.S.C. § 1613

³ [uscis.gov](#) 501 (e) of the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980