

Citizenship Status Verification

Instructions

Return the **original** of this form with your attached proof of citizenship to the verification official on your USC campus.

Pursuant to section 59-101-430 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended in 2008, the University of South Carolina has adopted a general enrollment policy effective January 1, 2009. To attend a public university in the state, a student must be a citizen or national of the United States or an alien lawfully present in the United States.

Students must now provide proof of citizenship before being allowed to enroll in classes at the University. This verification process has been adopted to deter and prevent false claims of citizenship by unlawful aliens attempting to evade the eligibility requirements of section 59-101-430.

If you are a citizen of the United States, please sign this form, attach one of the following documents verifying your citizenship, and mail the form and attachment to the above address (mark an X next to the one you are submitting):

Complete the Following

Student Name: _____ USC ID: _____

Copy of your South Carolina driver's license or REAL ID if you first became a licensed driver after January 1, 2002. The University may verify the license with the SC Department of Motor Vehicles.

Certified Birth Certificate indicating you were born in the United States or a territory of the United States, with your given name and surname, date and place of birth, date the birth record was filed, and the seal or other certification of the official custodian of the certificate.

If verification of your citizenship is based on any other document (Current U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport that has not been expired more than 10 years, Certificate of Naturalization -- USCIS Form (N-550 or N-570), U.S. government issued Consular Report of Birth Abroad, Certificate of Citizenship (N-560 or N-561), or Unexpired U.S. Active Duty/Retiree/Reservist Military ID Card (DOD DD-2) (new 1/31/09)), you may bring this form and the original document to the citizenship verification office at your campus.

NOTE: The University can accept photocopies of birth certificates and other citizenship documents as long as we reserve the right to demand production of the certified original in the event we have any questions about whether the copy is true and accurate, or in the event any of the information on the copy is unreadable.

By my signature below, I hereby attest and certify, under penalty of perjury, that I am a citizen of the United States. *

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

*Federal law makes it a crime, punishable by up to three years in prison, to falsely and willfully represent oneself to be a citizen of the United States.

NOTE: If name has changed since birth, you must present all legal documents (i.e., adoption records, marriage certificate, certificate of naturalization, and court ordered name change) supporting all name changes from the name which appears on the document presented as proof of citizenship.

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