



US Embassy
Consular Section
Abu Dhabi, UAE

Dear Parent,

Thank you for your inquiry about registering your child as a U.S. citizen.

The enclosed items contain information to help you apply for a Consular Report of Birth Abroad (CRBA), which is considered a basic United States citizenship document. In addition, you should apply for a U.S. passport and a Social Security Number for your child.

Please complete the enclosed forms. Once you have completed the forms and gathered the appropriate documents, please email AbuDhabiCRBA@State.gov with your completed DS-2029, five requested dates for your appointment, and a valid telephone number. We will then schedule your appointment and inform you of the date and time via email. Please note that we are only open for CRBA appointments Sunday to Wednesday from 1:00pm to 2:30pm.

Required Forms (complete but **do not sign)**

- Application for Consular Report of Birth Abroad DS-2029.
- Passport Application DS-11 and one photo of the child. Photos must be 5 cm x 5 cm square (or 2” by 2” square) and in color with a white background. The child must be facing forward with eyes open and (for babies) parents’ hands cannot be in the photo.
- Social Security Application SS-5.
- Proof of five years physical presence (two after the age of 14) in the United States if only one parent is an American Citizen.

Evidence of Parentage and Nationality

- Child’s original UAE birth certificate in English and three photocopies (*please note that the UAE General Health Authority may require that the parents’ marriage certificate be authenticated prior to issuance of a UAE birth certificate; for instructions on how to authenticate a U.S. document, please refer to – <http://abudhabi.usembassy.gov/service/document-authentication2.html>*).
- Parents’ passports and three photocopies of the biographic data pages for each parent.
- Parents’ marriage certificate (plus English translation, if needed) and one photocopy.

If one of these applies, you will need the following additional documentation

- **There is only one American parent.** Please submit evidence showing that parent was physically present in the United States for a minimum of five years in the United States, at least two of which were after the age of 14. Examples can include, but are not limited to: original school transcripts, pay stubs from employer, etc.
- **Both parents are U.S. citizens.** Evidence that at least one parent physically resided in the United States at any time.
- **One or both parents were previously married.** Please submit evidence showing legal termination through death or divorce of all previous marriages. Provide original death or divorce certificates (plus English translation, if needed) and one photocopy of each.

Both parents and the child are required to appear in person at the Embassy at the time of the interview.

Fees must be paid when the applications are submitted: 369 AED for the CRBA and 387 AED for the child’s passport, for a total of 756 AED. In addition, there is a charge of 4 AED per copy if photocopies are not provided. This may be paid in AED, the equivalent in USD, or by major credit card.

The Embassy advises that newborn children be registered within two months to allow time to obtain UAE residency, if needed. The process takes about six weeks.

Sincerely,
Consular Section