



NEW YORK STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
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PROOF OF DATE OF BIRTH

When applicable, NYSTRS may notify you that we require proof of your (or your beneficiary's) date of birth. This informational sheet shows what proof is acceptable in such cases.

ACCEPTABLE PROOF OF DATE OF BIRTH

*** Only One Original Needed ***

Acceptable proof of date of birth is an original or certified copy of any one of the following three primary documents. The documents must show the age or date of birth. Your original or certified copy will be returned to you. A notarized document is not an acceptable substitute for a certified document.

1. A birth certificate.
2. A hospital record established during the first five years of life, and certified by the custodian of the record.
3. A church baptismal record which shows date of birth and was established during the first five years of life.

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*** Two Needed - Photocopies ***

If you are unable to furnish an original or certified copy of one of the above, photocopies of at least two of the following secondary documents may suffice as satisfactory proof:

1. A birth certificate.
2. A valid driver's license or learner's permit.
3. A hospital record established during the first five years of life showing age or date of birth.
4. A baptismal or church record.
5. A marriage record showing age or date of birth.
6. A passport.
7. A school record established prior to grade 7.
8. A state or federal census record.
9. A bible or other family record.
10. A life insurance policy issued before age 35 (applications for insurance are unacceptable).
11. A military record.
12. An immigration or naturalization record.
13. A report of social security benefit information which specifically states your date of birth.