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**Birth, Death, Burial Certificates**

**Birth Certificates**

**Available:**  
Not required for IV purposes, see Comments below

**Fees:** There are no fees.

**Document Name:** Kart Tawalod (Da Zokry Sanad)

**Issuing Authority:** Clinics and hospitals

**Special Seal(s) / Color / Format:** yellow card

**Issuing Authority Personnel Title:** administrative staff

**Registration Criteria:** Issued for children who were delivered at a registered clinic or hospital.

**Procedure for Obtaining:** Parents must present their tazkeras (national identity documents) to the appropriate staff at the clinic or hospital where the child was born.

**Certified Copies Available:** Certified copies are available.

**Alternate Documents:** After issuance at the hospital, Kart Tawalods may be registered with the Ministry of Interior's Population Registration Department and a record is also kept by the Ministry of Public Health. The kart tawalod is not the primary means of establishing identity or citizenship in Afghanistan – rather it is considered as supplemental evidence of birth. The tazkera (national identity document) is the principle document used in official settings for proof of identity, citizenship, and also used as a quasi-birth record. All Afghan applicants applying for U.S. immigrant, special immigrant, or other such visas must present a tazkera, regardless of whether they also choose to submit a kart tawalod.

**Exceptions:** None

**Comments:** All Afghan citizens should be able to present a tazkera (national identity document) as proof of their identity and their birth place. Kart tawalod may be considered as supplementary documentation but should not be utilized as primary evidence of date and/or place of birth or identity. Please refer to the National ID section for information on tazkeras.