

Your Birth Certificate is Your Identity

Resisting Data Alteration and Copying

Unique Territorial Identifiers

**Guard against identity theft.
Keep your Birth Certificate in a safe place.**

The introduction of the new Northwest Territories Birth Certificate with increased security features will be implemented on April 1, 2014.

WHERE TO APPLY

Applications are available on our website:
www.hss.gov.nt.ca

MAILING ADDRESS

Department of Health and Social Services
Vital Statistics
Health Services Administration
Bag #9, Inuvik, NT X0E 0T0

ENQUIRIES

Telephone: 867-777-7422 Toll free: 1-800-661-0830 ext. 134
Fax: 867-777-3197 or 867-777-4359
Email: hsa@gov.nt.ca
Hours: 8:30 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday (except holidays)

You don't need to re-apply for a new birth certificate.
The old one will still be valid.



The new Birth Certificate makes use of many security features and printing techniques designed to make the Certificate difficult to alter or copy...

- 11 Complex Linework**
The new Birth Certificate contains a complex linework design to make the Certificate more difficult to copy.



You should never attempt to alter your Birth Certificate. The new Certificate is specially manufactured to make attempts at data alteration visible to the human eye.

The new Birth Certificate contains many distinguishing marks that are unique to the Northwest Territories...

- 12 Territory Name**
13 Territory Logo



- 14 Corporate Seal**
15 Signature of Government Authorized Agent



A GUIDE TO THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES' NEW BIRTH CERTIFICATE



The Vital Statistics Council for Canada has undertaken an initiative to renew the design and improve the security of the Birth Certificate.

The new Birth Certificate design will be issued in Northwest Territories beginning on April 1, 2014.

Some of the security features on the new Birth Certificate are easy to identify and minimize the risk of data alteration and counterfeiting.

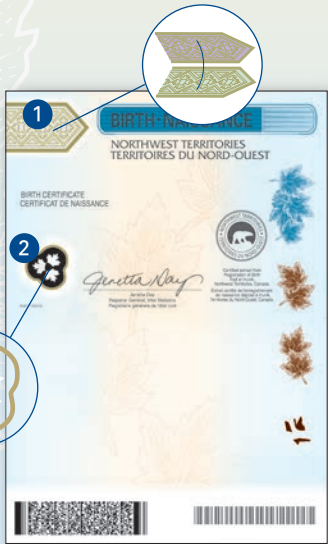
Here's what to look for:

1 Colour Shifting Window

A see through window feature. When the document is tilted, the ink in the feature produces a green/purple colour shift.

2 Clear Window

A clear window featuring three maple leaves and surrounded by a gold outline. The leaves appear to "float" in the window.



You can see the difference:

The new Birth Certificate contains many features that you can see...

3 Watermark Features

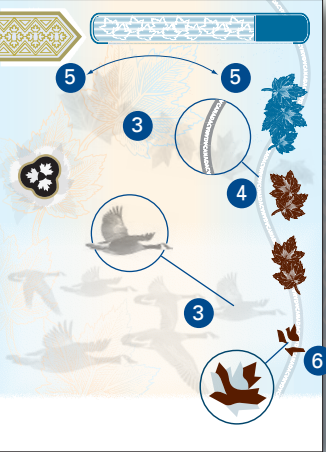
Hold the new Birth Certificate to the light and you will see three separate watermark or "shadow" images. In the top, you will see maple leaves. In the bottom, you will see Canada geese.

4 Thread Feature

Running from top to bottom, you will see a thread repeating the word "CANADA".

5 Rainbow Printing

The Certificate includes a colour shift from blue to peach to blue. This colour shift is difficult to produce.



6 See Through Feature

Hold the Certificate to the light and irregular marks on the front and back align to form a perfect maple leaf.

You can feel the difference:

The new Birth Certificate contains many features that you can feel...

7 Polymer Substrate

The new Birth Certificate is printed on a high technology plastic, polymer. This material will last longer than paper and has the ability to incorporate improved security features.

8 Raised Printing

The maple leaves running along the right hand edge of the Certificate are printed using a raised letter printing method. They have the same feel as printed money.



Using Bar Code Technology:

The new Birth Certificate makes use of bar code technology to ensure accuracy of certificate holder information and for mailing and distribution processes...

9 One Dimensional Bar Code

The new Birth Certificate contains a 1D bar code which contains the number of the Birth Certificate. This same number is also displayed in a format you can read.



10 Two Dimensional Bar Code

The new Birth Certificate contains a 2D bar code which contains the same information about the certificate holder that is printed on the front of the document.

