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Subject: Puerto Rico Birth Certificate Validity Extension

Is there an extension to the validity of Puerto Rican birth certificates?

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Yes. On September 23rd, the Government of Puerto Rico extended the validity of birth certificates issued before July 1, 2010, for 30 additional days. Birth certificates issued before July 1, 2010, now become invalid after October 30, 2010. This extension is meant to provide a transition period as the Government of Puerto Rico continues to issue the new, more secure certificates that became available July 1, 2010.

With this extension, beginning October 31, 2010, if a birth certificate is required for any reason for a Puerto Rico-born individual, CAOs must only accept birth certificates issued on or after July 1, 2010. This new date of October 31, 2010 replaces the previous date of October 1, 2010 indicated in [OPS100803](#).