

# Mass Workforce Issuance

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**Workforce Issuance No. 10-77**

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**To:** Chief Elected Officials  
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**cc:** WIA State Partners

**From:** Michael Taylor, Director  
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**Date:** September 3, 2010

**Subject:** **New Puerto Rico Birth Certificate Requirement, Revised**

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**Purpose:** To revise MassWorkforce Issuance No. 10-62, New Puerto Rico Birth Certificate Requirement (7/1/10) to reflect an Amendment to the Puerto Rico Birth Certificate Law 191 of 2009 that extends the validity period of the older versions of Puerto Rico birth certificates.

**Background:** Puerto Rico Birth Certificate Law 191 of 2009 as originally passed, invalidated all birth certificates issued prior to July 1, 2010. The action was taken by the Puerto Rico Health Department through its Vital Statistics Record Office in collaboration with the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to address the fraudulent use of Puerto Rico-issued birth certificates to unlawfully obtain U.S. passports, Social Security benefits, and other federal services.

As originally passed, the law created a 15-day extended validity transition period *only* for those birth certificates issued after June 15, 2010 and before July 1, 2010.

To provide Puerto Rico-born individuals with added time to request and receive the new, more secure birth certificates, the Government of Puerto Rico has approved an amendment that extends the validity period of *all* expiring Puerto Rico birth certificates *through September 30, 2010*.

Individuals providing a Puerto Rico birth certificate for purposes of a determination of eligibility with respect to any federally-funded benefit and/or

services must now present a new, valid Puerto Rico birth certificate as of *October 1, 2010*.

Additionally, the Government of Puerto Rico has partnered with document provider VitalChek, Inc., to provide an expedited, service for ordering the new birth certificate. A new Puerto Rico birth certificate can be ordered on-line at [www.vitalchek.com](http://www.vitalchek.com) or by telephone at 866-842-6765.

Additional information may be found by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.prfaa.com/birthcertificates/>

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