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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Thu, 30 Apr 2026 11:38:12
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW FW: // -REP-2024-1436 Parish Records - No Birth Certificate Can Be Issued - REP-2026-0561 - Due: 9-Apr-26
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

Good day,
Thank you for contacting the **Immigration Representatives Mailbox.**
Please note that this mailbox is intended for general guidance and does not provide responses to case-specific inquiries but have provided the following information as guidance. If you have case specific questions about a file, you are encouraged to submit the IRCC Web form.
Please see our response to your question.
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Although the procedures and depth of records for each Province's civil records office will be different, the applicant should contact them for a birth certificate and should they be refused/ not able to produce a Birth Certificate, they should submit the record they have, the refusal letter(s) from the provincial office as well as an explanatory note as to why the client cannot meet the documentation requirements.

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Thank you kindly,

The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2026 5:11 PM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC@cic.gc.ca>
Subject: // -REP-2024-1436 Parish Records - No Birth Certificate Can Be Issued

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Hello,

RE: // -REP-2024-1436

Given the changes to citizenship law that allow more individuals born in the second and subsequent generations abroad to potentially claim proof of their Canadian citizenship, the records of the Canadian ancestor may be further located in the past.

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Is the following guidance, when no Birth Certificate can be issued, **still in use and the guidance across all provinces** where parish records may have been in place in lieu of a civil registry, removing specific reference to Quebec (i.e., contacting the Civil Registry/Vital Statistics of the corresponding province)?

> The client should contact the office of the Directeur de l'état civil du Québec and should they be refused/ not able to produce a Birth Certificate by Quebec, they should submit the Baptismal record as well as the refusal letter(s) from the office of the Directeur de l'état civil du Québec as well as an explanatory note as to why the client cannot meet the documentation requirements outlined in Guide for Paper Applications for a Citizenship Certificate for Adults and Minors (Proof of Citizenship) under Section 3 (CIT 0001) - Canada.ca. The IRCC will take the information into consideration during the assessment of the application. The client will be contacted should further information be required.

Thank you.

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From: **Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)**
<IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC@cic.gc.ca>
Date: Tue, Aug 20, 2024 at 2:11 'a0PM
Subject: FW: Previous FG Reference) (NEW FG #) FW: Quebec Parish Records - No Birth Certificate Can Be Issued.-REP-2024-1436 - Due 12-Sep-24
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Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC@cic.gc.ca>

Good day,

The client should contact the office of the Directeur de l'état civil du Québec and should they be refused/ not able to produce a Birth Certificate by Quebec, they should submit the Baptismal record as well as the refusal letter(s) from the office of the Directeur de l'état civil du Québec as well as an explanatory note as to why the client cannot meet the documentation requirements outlined in Guide for Paper Applications for a Citizenship Certificate for Adults and Minors (Proof of Citizenship) under Section 3 (CIT 0001) - Canada.ca. The IRCC will take the information into consideration during the assessment of the application. The client will be contacted should further information be required.

Thank you kindly,

The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2024 10:02 AM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC@cic.gc.ca>
Subject: Quebec Parish Records - No Birth Certificate Can Be Issued.

This question seeks clarification from -REP-2024-1221.