



# Instructions for Request for the Return of Original Documents

Department of Homeland Security  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

USCIS  
**Form G-884**  
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## What Is the Purpose of Form G-884?

Use Form G-884, Request for the Return of Original Documents, to request the return of original documents submitted to establish eligibility for an immigration or citizenship benefit.

**NOTE:** If you filed a form that requested original documents, we will automatically return those originals to you. You do not need to file this request.

You need to provide us with:

1. A completed and signed Form G-884; and
2. Supporting documentation.

See the **Submitting Your Form G-884** section of these Instructions.

## When Should I Use Form G-884?

You should use Form G-884 if you submitted original documents that U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) did not request with a petition, application, or request, and you are now seeking to have those documents returned to you.

**NOTE:** Refer to the instructions of the form or forms you submitted to determine whether non-requested originals are available for return or are destroyed after scanning.

Providing the information requested on Form G-884 and submitting the required supporting documents will assist USCIS to locate and return the documents requested.

## General Instructions

**NOTE:** You only need to submit one Form G-884 if you are requesting multiple documents contained in a single USCIS file. However, if the requested documentation is in more than one USCIS file, you must submit a separate request for each file. (For example, if you wish to obtain your mother's birth certificate and your parent's marriage certificate, both of which are in the USCIS file that pertains to her, submit one Form G-884 with your mother's information.)

USCIS provides forms free of charge through the USCIS website. In order to view, print, or fill out our forms, you should use the latest version of Adobe Reader, which you can download for free at <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>. If you do not have Internet access, you may call the USCIS Contact Center at **1-800-375-5283** and ask that we mail a form to you. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: **1-800-767-1833**.

**Signature.** Each request must be properly signed and filed. For all signatures on this request, USCIS will not accept a stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature. If you are under 14 years of age, your parent or legal guardian may sign the request on your behalf. A legal guardian may also sign for a mentally incompetent person.

**Validity of Signatures.** USCIS will consider a photocopied, faxed, or scanned copy of the original, handwritten signature valid for filing purposes. The photocopy, fax, or scan must be of the original document containing the handwritten, ink signature.