



### AUTHENTICATION PROCESS FOR DOCUMENTS ISSUED IN THE UNITED STATES

Vital records, such as birth certificates and marriage documents, and academic credentials issued in the United States must be authenticated in the U.S. in order to be accepted by the Government of Kuwait. Contact information for the vital records offices of individual U.S. states and territories can be found at [www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w.htm). **Please note that vital records issued in the United States cannot be authenticated at the U.S. Embassy in Kuwait.**

The information below is provided as a general overview. For the most up-to-date information, contact the appropriate authority.

#### Custodian of Records Certifies the Document\*

Contact the appropriate Division of Vital Records, Department of Health, or Academic Institution that issued the record. In the case of court documents, contact the clerk of courts.

#### Individual State

Each state will have a process to authenticate the signature and seal of public officials. Please contact the state for information on the process.

#### Authentication Office of the U.S. Department of State

<http://snip.state.gov/ji8>

#### Embassy of Kuwait in the United States

[www.kuwaitembassy.us](http://www.kuwaitembassy.us) / 202-966-0702

#### Kuwait Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Consular Department

Shwaikh, next to Kuwait News Agency. (Tel: +965-2484-2099)

\*Please contact the custodian of records or the academic institution for information governing their individual processes.