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**Polymer Birth Certificates NOT required for Non-Immigrant Visa Applications**

The Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs wishes to advise that the U.S. Embassy's announcement that the new Polymer Vital Statistics Certificates (Birth Certificates) are required as of February 1, 2019 refers only to **Immigrant Visa (Green Card)** applicants. It does not apply to Non-Immigrant Visa (B1/B2 also called business or tourist visa) applicants. A release from the United States Embassy further confirms that with the exception of children under the age of 14, civil documents such as birth certificates are not needed for most Non-Immigrant Visas, unless the consular official specifically asks for them. Members of the public are kindly reminded that applications for the Polymer Birth Certificate can also be made online at: <https://rgd.legalaffairs.gov.tt/ttEventSearchClient/entry.m>

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