



DATE: October 13, 2016
TO: Birth Clerks
FROM: Stanley S. Cooper, Vital Records Administrator
RE: Birth name at birth of Mother and Father on **CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH**

There appears to be some confusion on what is meant by NAME AT BIRTH for parents:

- Item 9a MOTHER/PARENT NAME AT BIRTH
- Item 10a FATHER/PARENT NAME AT BIRTH

In completing the CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH the Vital Records Office defines NAME AT BIRTH to mean the following:

The original name listed on their birth certificate unless:

- If an adoption took place then the **new adopted name**

Or

- If naturalized then the **new naturalized name**

Or

- If one had a court order legal change of name the **new name should be listed**

Not to be listed is a name which was changed as a result of marriage.

If you have further questions or need clarification, feel free to contact our office birth desk at (402) 471-0907 or dhhs.birthdesk@nebraska.gov