

Having a Baby in Japan?

If your baby is due during your time in Japan, we've put together a basic guide to help you navigate the paperwork process. And congratulations!

Part 1

The Branch Health Clinic Atsugi will help you with everything you need regarding you and your baby's medical care, from confirming your pregnancy to delivering at the [U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka](#). Here are some helpful phone numbers in case you don't already have them:

Branch Health Clinic Atsugi

Central appointments – 0467-63-3958

The clinic – 0467-63-3959

The OB nurse – 0467-63-3982

Urgent Care – 0467-63-3311

U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka

Labor & Delivery – 0468-16-5311

Radiology – 0468-16-5534

Part 2

Once you've had your baby, the hospital will provide you with all the paperwork to get started on obtaining a birth certificate, passport and social security card for your child.

- Birth certificate
 - The hospital will give you a temporary one and you'll use this—with other papers from the hospital and forms downloaded from the internet*—to receive an official one.
 - The most convenient way to get a birth certificate (as well as a passport and social security card) is to use the Army's nearby Camp Zama Personnel Office (046-407-4764); it serves as a courier between you and the U.S. embassy in Tokyo and other departments and organizations.
 - *Call the above Zama number to set up an appointment and learn where to download the forms they'll need completed before requesting the birth certificate, which you'll receive in the mail.
- Passport
 - The Zama office can take care of this for you at the same time.
 - If you require an **emergency passport** due to upcoming travel, instead visit the embassy in Tokyo with the same paperwork.
 - Make an embassy appointment online, and if they're booked for what you need, make one under a different topic. *Bring proof of your air travel tickets purchased.*
 - Once your travel is complete, visit Zama to send for a regular passport; you'll pick it up from Zama.
- Social security card

- Again, the Zama office can take care of this for you when you pick up the regular passport; they'll make a copy and you'll receive your child's social security card in the mail.
- DEERS (Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System)
 - Once you have their social security card, you can fully enroll your child in DEERS—just visit the ID office in the PSD building next to Halsey gym.
 - You can have your child's passport stamped with a SOFA (Status of Forces Agreement) stamp at Narita, Haneda or the Yokota Air Terminal. Once there's a SOFA stamp, you can get a multi-entry/exit stamp at PSD.

Tip: Bring all your paperwork with you to each office and appointment, including everything from the hospital and the parents' military IDs, passports, birth certificates, marriage certificate, orders/DEA/"Page 2" and any powers of attorney (PoA). If you can't complete an above task together, double-check with that specific office as to what can be done alone, what needs a PoA and if any special powers of attorney are needed. Note: Notarized copies are often needed and can be obtained at the Legal offices on any base.