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Guinea: Whether people are able to register for school without possessing a birth certificate or another identity document; the frequency with which people are issued birth certificates; the ages at which people are issued identity documents (January 2007 - March 2010)
Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, Ottawa

Information on whether people in Guinea are able to register for school without possessing a birth certificate or another identity document, and on the frequency with which people in Guinea are issued birth certificates, could not be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate. However, Plan International, a children's development organization based in Woking, United Kingdom ([UK](#)) (Plan International [n.d.a.](#)), states that in December 2005, the birth registration rate in Guinea was 67 percent with 88 percent in urban areas and 56 percent in rural regions (Plan International [n.d.b.](#)).

The Country of Return Information Project (CRI Project), a network of non-governmental organizations ([NGO's](#)) that collects and transfers specific information on reintegration possibilities for potential returnees and their counsellors and that receives funding from the European Community (CRI Project [n.d.](#)), states that Guineans who are at least 18 years old can apply for national identity cards (CRI Project [Dec. 2008](#)).

Further information on the ages at which identity documents are issued could not be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate.

This Response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Research Directorate within time constraints. This Response is not, and does not purport to be, conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim for refugee protection. Please find below the list of sources consulted in researching this Information Request.

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Additional Sources Consulted

Oral sources: The Embassy of the Republic of Guinea in Ottawa, the Canadian Embassy in Abidjan, La Coalition nationale de Guinée pour les droits et la Citoyenneté des Femmes (CONAG-DCF) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in Conakry did not respond to requests for information within the time constraints of this Response.

Internet sources, including: European Country of Origin Information Network (ecoi.net), Government of Guinea website, International Organization for Migration ([IOM](http://iom.int)), Keesing Reference System, Office of the United Nations (UN) High Commissioner for Refugees ([UNHCR](http://unhcr.org)) Refworld, United Nations (UN) Integrated Regional Information Networks ([IRIN](http://irin.org)), United States (US) Reciprocity Schedule, U.S. Committee for Refugees.

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