

An. Code, 1924, sec. 14. 1912, sec. 13. 1912, ch. 731, sec. 13. 1916, ch. 701. 1916, ch. 222, sec. 13. 1918, ch. 495, sec. 13.

14. The person authorized to issue a general employment certificate shall not issue such certificate until he has received, examined, approved and made a record of the following papers, duly executed, viz:

(1) The school record of such child properly filled out and signed, as provided in this sub-title, which school record shall be furnished without charge to any child applying therefor by the superintendent or teacher in charge of the school or schools attended by said child.

(2) A certificate signed by a physician appointed by the officer authorized to issue such permit stating that such child has been examined by him and, in his opinion, has reached the normal physical development of a child of its age, and is in sufficiently sound health and physically able to be employed in the occupation or process for which a permit is applied for.

(3) Evidence of age showing that the child is fourteen years old or upwards, which shall consist of one of the following proofs of age and shall be required in the order herein designated, as follows:

(a) A duly attested transcript of the birth certificate filed according to law with a register of vital statistics, or other officer charged with the duty of recording births, which certificate shall be *prima facie* evidence of the age of such child.

(b) A passport or a duly attested transcript of a certificate of baptism showing the date of birth and place of baptism of such child.

(c) A *bona fide* contemporary record of the date and place of the child's birth kept in the Bible in which the records of the births in the family of the child are preserved, a passport showing the age of the child, a certificate of arrival in the United States issued by the United States immigration officers and showing the age of the child, or a life insurance policy; provided that such other satisfactory documentary evidence has been in existence at least one year prior to the time it is offered in evidence; and provided further that a school record or a parent's, guardian's, or custodian's affidavit, certificate, or other written statement of age shall not be accepted except as specified in paragraph (d).

(d) In case none of the proofs required by sub-divisions (a), (b) or (c) of this Section can be produced, the officer issuing said permit may issue a temporary permit allowing said child to work for ten days, and shall accept as full proof of age the sworn affidavit of the child's parent, guardian, legal custodian or next friend, such affidavit containing the name of said child, alleged age, place and date of birth and present residence and any other matter that may assist in determining the age of the child, and the further affidavit that the evidence of age required by sub-divisions (a) or (b) of this Section cannot be produced by the applicant; and if upon investigation by the officer no facts appear contradicting any of the material statements of such application, the officer may, after 10 days, issue a regular permit for such child; provided that the officer issuing permits shall not accept the foregoing affidavit unless said affidavit be accompanied by the written certificate of the physician appointed by the officer authorized to issue such permits, certifying that he has made a physical examination and inspection of said child and verily believes said child to be of the full age of fourteen years, and whenever practical all information required by sub-division (d) and Paragraph 2 of this Section shall be embraced in one certificate.

The officer issuing the certificate shall require the evidence of age specified in sub-division (a) in preference to that specified in sub-division (b),