

TO APPLY FOR A U.S. PASSPORT:

1. **Forms.** Apply using Form DS-11 (first time adult applicants and minors) or Form DS-82 (adult renewal by mail). To determine which form you are eligible to use, visit travel.state.gov.
2. **Evidence of U.S. Citizenship.** Provide evidence of U.S. citizenship, such as a certified U.S. birth certificate, previous U.S. passport book or card, Certificate of Naturalization, or Consular Report of Birth Abroad. Provide the original or a certified copy, and a photocopy of your U.S. citizenship evidence.
3. **Photo.** Provide one recent color 2"x 2" passport photo. Check travel.state.gov for photo quality requirements.
4. **Valid Photo Identification.** Present photo identification (ID) that is currently valid, such as a driver's license, state ID card, military ID, or federal/state/municipal employee ID card. Also provide a photocopy of your photo ID.
5. **Fees.** Determine fees and payment options at travel.state.gov.

6. **Submit Completed Application.** Submit your form, supporting documents, photo, and fees. If applying on a Form DS-11, you must submit your application in person at a passport acceptance facility.

YOU CAN RENEW YOUR PASSPORT BY MAIL IF YOUR MOST RECENT PASSPORT:

- Can be submitted with your application
- Is undamaged (other than normal "wear and tear")
- Was issued when you were age 16 or older
- Was issued within the last 15 years
- Was issued in your current name (or you can document your name change with an original or certified copy of your marriage certificate, divorce decree, or court order)

If any of the above statements do not apply to you, you must apply in person at a passport acceptance facility using Form DS-11. Visit travel.state.gov to find an acceptance facility near you.

Find our current processing times on travel.state.gov.

NEED YOUR PASSPORT IN A HURRY?

If you are traveling in less than 2 weeks, or need to get a foreign visa within 4 weeks, you can schedule an appointment at one of our regional passport agencies. You will need to provide proof of your travel plans. Schedule an appointment 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, using our online appointment system at passportappointment.travel.state.gov or by calling 1-877-487-2778.

VALIDITY FOR PASSPORT BOOKS AND CARDS:

- 10 years for adults (age 16 & older)
- 5 years for minors (under age 16)

The U.S. passport book is valid for international travel by air, sea, or land.



The U.S. passport card is only valid for entering the United States from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Bermuda at land border crossings or sea ports-of-entry. It is not valid for international travel by air.



PLAN AHEAD FOR SAFE TRAVEL:

Follow our Traveler's Checklist (travel.state.gov/travelerschecklist) to:

1. **Get Informed** about your destination at travel.state.gov/destination, including planning for the unexpected (travel.state.gov/crisis). Write down the U.S. embassy's contact details to take with you in case of emergency.
2. **Get Required Documents**, such as foreign visas, written prescriptions, notarized consent for traveling with minors, and international driver's permit.
3. **Get Enrolled** in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) at step.state.gov to receive safety and security updates.
4. **Get Insured** for medical, emergency evacuation, and other unexpected expenses abroad.



FOR APPOINTMENTS AND INQUIRIES CONTACT:

National Passport Information Center
1-877-487-2778
TDD/TTY: 1-888-874-7793

ONLINE RESOURCES:

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