

Important Passport Information

Important! Much helpful and current information can immediately be at your finger tips. Follow these easy steps:

1. Visit our website: www.TravelPleaseGoAway.com.
2. When the home page opens “click” in the upper left hand corner on “Travel Resources.”
3. Next, “click” on “U.S. Passports”

These simple steps will take you directly into the United States State Department website with its detailed information.

Our team of full time travel professionals will always welcome the opportunity to answer your questions promptly and personally. You will “never” be directed to voice mail or be asked to talk to a machine.

This general information will be helpful. All U.S. Citizens traveling outside the United States will be required to present a valid passport to enter and depart from the United States. In our opinion, it should always be a passport “book” - not passport “card.”

A passport is an internationally recognized travel document that verifies the identity and nationality of the bearer. A valid U.S. passport is required to enter and leave most foreign countries. Only the U.S. Department of State has the authority to grant, issue or verify United States passports.

Passports should be valid for a minimum of 6 months beyond the return date of travel. Serious consequences can occur if this time frame is not met. Also, a sufficient number of blank pages must be present (number varies with countries visited). Please ask all questions.

New Application for a U.S. Passport

To obtain a passport for the first time, you need to go in person to one of over 9,000 passport acceptance facilities located throughout the United States with appropriate photo(s) of yourself, proof of U.S. citizenship, and a valid form of photo identification such as a driver’s license.

Acceptance facilities include many Federal, state and probate courts, post offices, some public libraries and a number of county and municipal offices ([contact us for recommendations](#)) . There are also 13 regional passport agencies, and 1 Gateway City Agency, which serve customers who are traveling within 2 weeks (14 days), or who need foreign visas for travel. Appointments are required in such cases.

You’ll need to apply in person if you are applying for a U.S. passport for the first time; if your expired U.S. passport is not in your possession; if your previous U.S. passport has expired and was issued more than 15 years ago; if your previous U.S. passport was issued when you were under age 16; or if your currently valid U.S. passport has been lost or stolen.

Renewal of a U.S. Passport

You can renew by mail if: Your most recent passport is available to submit and it is not damaged; you received the passport within the past 15 years; you were over age 16 when it was issued; you still have the same name, or can legally document your name change.

If your passport has been, altered or damaged, you cannot apply by mail. You must apply in person.