

UNITED STATES PASSPORTS

<http://travel.state.gov/passport>

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 [8,000 passport acceptance facilities](#) located throughout the United States with two photographs 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. 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.

You can get a passport renewal application form by downloading it from this site.

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

How to Get Your Passport in a Hurry

Expedited Service

- Cost, **in addition** to regular application fees, is **\$60 per application plus** overnight delivery costs.
- Two-way overnight delivery is strongly suggested.
- If you mail in - clearly mark **Expedited** on the envelope.
 - Anyone may request expedited service for any type of application (e.g., first-time applications, renewals, amendments of existing passports, etc.)
- Passport applications sent together or at the same time do not necessarily remain together.

- Passports will be mailed separately.

After you apply - You will receive your passport:

Normally, it takes 2 weeks to receive your passport from the date you applied. If you haven't received your passport and are traveling within the next 7 days, please call or email the [National Passport Information Center](#).

Routine Service

- Include your departure date on your application.

After you apply - You will receive your passport:

Normally passports are received within 6 weeks. Currently, it is taking up to 10 weeks. If you are not traveling within the next 10 days, please [check the status](#) of your application online, keeping in mind that it is taking approximately 3 weeks for our system to start tracking your application. If you are traveling within the next 10 days, please call the [National Passport Information Center](#).

How to Apply for a Passport Renewal

Should You Apply for a Passport Renewal by Mail?

YES, If You...

1. Already have a passport that is not damaged; **and**
2. Received it within the past 15 years; **and**
3. Were at least age 16 when it was issued; **and**
4. Still have the same name as in passport (or you can legally document your name change).

NOTES:

- U.S. citizens residing abroad (except those living in Canada) should renew their passports at the nearest [U.S. Embassy or U.S. Consulate](#).
- U.S. citizens residing in Canada may mail DS-82, *Application for Passport by Mail*, renewal applications to the address indicated on the form. Payment must be in US\$.
- Passports renewed by mail in the U.S. may only be mailed to U.S. and Canadian addresses.
- If you mutilate or alter your U.S. passport, you may invalidate it and risk possible prosecution under the law (Section 1543 of Title 22 of the U.S. Code).
- If your passport has been **mutilated, altered or damaged**, you cannot apply by mail. You must **apply in person**. (See [How to Apply in Person](#) .)

- Some countries require that your passport be valid at least six months beyond the dates of your trip and/or have two to four blank visa/stamp pages. Some airlines will not allow you to board if these requirements are not met.
- If you are behind in child support payments, you may not be able to get a passport. See [Child Support](#) .

How Long Will it Take to Process a Passport Application?

At a Passport Acceptance Facility* or By Mail (for renewal, additional pages, and amendment)	Routine Service	10-12 Weeks**
	Expedited Service Plus Overnight delivery service for: Sending your application and Returning your passport to you	2-3 Weeks***

Passport Fees

Age 16 and older: The passport application fee is \$67. The execution fee is \$30. The total is **\$97** .

Under Age 16: The passport application fee is \$52. The execution fee is \$30. The total is **\$82**