



# APPLICATION FOR U.S. PASSPORT BY MAIL

PLEASE DETACH AND RETAIN THIS INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR YOUR RECORDS.

## Date of Application:

**FOR INFORMATION, QUESTIONS, AND INQUIRIES:** Please visit our website at [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov). In addition, contact the National Passport Information Center (NPIC) toll-free at **1-877-487-2778** (TDD: **1-888-874-7793**) or by email at **NPIC@state.gov**. Customer Service Representatives are available M-F 6AM-12 Midnight Eastern Time (excluding federal holidays). Automated information is available 24/7.

**U.S. PASSPORTS, EITHER IN BOOK OR CARD FORMAT, ARE ISSUED ONLY TO U.S. CITIZENS OR NON-CITIZEN NATIONALS. EACH PERSON MUST OBTAIN HIS OR HER OWN PASSPORT BOOK OR PASSPORT CARD. THE PASSPORT CARD IS A U.S. PASSPORT ISSUED IN CARD FORMAT. LIKE THE TRADITIONAL PASSPORT BOOK, IT REFLECTS THE BEARER'S ORIGIN, IDENTITY, AND NATIONALITY AND IS SUBJECT TO EXISTING PASSPORT LAWS AND REGULATIONS. UNLIKE THE PASSPORT BOOK, THE PASSPORT CARD IS VALID ONLY FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL BY LAND OR SEA BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES, CANADA, THE CARIBBEAN AND BERMUDA. IT IS NOT GLOBALLY INTEROPERABLE AND IS NOT VALID FOR TRAVEL BY AIR TO OR FROM ANY FOREIGN DESTINATION.**

## CAN I USE THIS FORM?

Complete this checklist to determine your eligibility to use this form.

I can submit my most recent U.S. passport with this application.

Yes

No

I was at least 16 years old when my most recent U.S. passport book or U.S. passport card was issued.

Yes

No

I was issued my most recent U.S. passport book or U.S. passport card less than 15 years ago.

Yes

No

I use the same name as on my most recent U.S. passport book or U.S. passport card.

Yes

No

— OR —

I have had my name changed by marriage or court order and can submit proper documentation to reflect my name change.

**If you answered NO to any of the four statements above, STOP – You cannot use this form!!!**

You must apply on application form DS-11 by making a personal appearance before an acceptance agent authorized to accept passport applications. Visit [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov) to find your nearest acceptance facility.

**See Instruction Page 2 for Detailed Information on the Completion and Submission of this Form.**

**INCOMPLETE OR UNACCEPTABLE APPLICATIONS WILL DELAY THE ISSUANCE OF YOUR PASSPORT.**

### **NOTICE TO APPLICANTS RESIDING ABROAD**

United States citizens residing abroad **CANNOT** submit this form to the Passport Facility listed on Instruction Page 2. Such applicants should contact the nearest United States embassy or consulate for procedures to be followed when applying overseas.

**WARNING: False statements made knowingly and willfully in passport applications, including affidavits or other documents submitted to support this application, are punishable by fine and/or imprisonment under the provisions of 18 USC 1001, 18 USC 1542, and/or 18 USC 1621. Alteration or mutilation of a passport issued pursuant to this application is punishable by fine and/or imprisonment under the provisions of 18 USC 1543. The use of a passport in violation of the restrictions contained therein or of the passport regulations is punishable by fine and/or imprisonment under 18 USC 1544. All statements and documents are subject to verification.**

## WHAT DO I SEND WITH THIS APPLICATION FORM?

- **Your most recent U.S. passport**
- **A marriage certificate or court order if your name has changed**
- **Fees**
- **Two recent, color photographs**

(Please visit our website at [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov) for detailed information regarding current fees.)

### See below for more detailed information.

- 1. YOUR MOST RECENT U.S. PASSPORT (BOOK AND/OR CARD FORMAT).** Submit your most recently issued passport book and/or passport card. When submitting a passport book and/or passport card with this form, please verify that the document was issued at age 16 or older in your current name (or see item #2 below) and issued within the past 15 years. If your U.S. passport is damaged, you must apply on the DS-11 Application form as specified below.
- 2. A MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE OR COURT ORDER.** If the name you are currently using differs from the name on your most recent passport, you must submit a marriage certificate or court order showing the change of name. The name change document **MUST** bear the official seal of the issuing authority. Uncertified copies or notarized documents cannot be accepted. All documents will be returned to you by mail. If you are unable to document your name change in this manner, you must apply on the DS-11 Application form by making a personal appearance at (1) a passport agency; (2) any Federal or State court of record or any probate court accepting passport applications; or (3) a Post Office which has been selected to accept passport applications.
- 3. THE CURRENT PASSPORT FEE.** Enclose the fee in the form of a personal check or money order. **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "DEPARTMENT OF STATE." THE FULL NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH OF THE APPLICANT MUST BE TYPED OR PRINTED ON THE FRONT OF THE CHECK. DO NOT SEND CASH.** Passport Services cannot be responsible for cash sent through the mail. By law, the fees are non-refundable.

**SPECIAL POSTAGE SERVICE:** If you desire that your completed passport be sent using a special postage service (overnight mail, special delivery, etc.) include the appropriate postage fee on the check.

**FASTER PROCESSING:** For an additional fee, you may request expedited service. Please include this fee in your payment and submit the application to the appropriate address. **Please write "Expedite" on the outer envelope when mailing. Also, TO ENSURE MINIMAL PROCESSING TIME for expedited applications, Passport Services recommends using overnight delivery when submitting the application AND including the appropriate postage fee for return overnight delivery for the completed passport book or passport card.** Expedited service is available only in the United States. Please visit our website for updated information regarding fees and service times.

- 4. TWO RECENT, COLOR PHOTOGRAPHS.** Submit two color photographs of you alone, sufficiently recent to be a good likeness of you (normally taken within the last six months), and 2x2 inches in size. The image size measured from the bottom of your chin to the top of your head (including hair) should not be less than 1 inch and not more than 1 3/8 inches. The photographs must be color, clear, with a full front view of your face, and printed on thin paper with plain light (white or off-white) background. Photographs must be taken in normal street attire, without a hat, head covering, or dark glasses unless a signed statement is submitted by the applicant verifying the item is worn daily for religious purposes or a signed doctor's statement is submitted verifying the item is used daily for medical purposes. Photographs retouched so that your appearance is changed are unacceptable. Snapshots, most vending machine prints, and magazine or full-length photographs are unacceptable. Digitized photos must meet the previously stated qualifications and will be accepted for use at the discretion of Passport Services. Visit our website for details and information regarding affixing the photograph to the application.

**NOTE:** If you choose to provide your e-mail address in Item #8 on this application, Passport Services will only use that information to contact you in the event there is a problem with your application or if you need to provide additional information to us.

## WHERE DO I MAIL THIS APPLICATION?

### ROUTINE SERVICE

#### MAIL THIS FORM TO:

National Passport Processing Center  
Post Office Box 90155  
Philadelphia, PA 19190-0155

### EXPEDITED SERVICE (Additional Fee)

#### MAIL THIS FORM TO:

National Passport Processing Center  
Post Office Box 90955  
Philadelphia, PA 19190-0955

## FEDERAL TAX LAW

Section 6039E of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. 6039E) requires you to provide your Social Security Number (SSN), if you have one, when you apply for a U.S. passport or renewal of a U.S. passport. If you have not been issued a SSN, enter zeros in box #5 of this form. If you are residing abroad, you must also provide the name of the foreign country in which you are residing. The Department of State must provide your SSN and foreign residence information to the Department of Treasury. If you fail to provide the information, you are subject to a \$500 penalty enforced by the IRS. All questions on this matter should be directed to the nearest IRS office.

## NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS MAKING PAYMENT BY CHECK

If you send us a check, it will be converted into an electronic funds transfer (EFT). This means we will copy your check and use the account information on it to electronically debit your account for the amount of the check. The debit from your account will usually occur within 24 hours, and will be shown on your regular account statement.

You will not receive your original check back. We will destroy your original check, but we will keep the copy of it. If the EFT cannot be processed for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy in place of your original check. If the EFT cannot be completed because of insufficient funds, we may try to make the transfer up to two times and we will charge you a one-time fee of \$25, which we will also collect by EFT.

## REMITTANCE OF FEES

31 U.S.C. 7701 requires persons "doing business" with a federal agency to provide their social security numbers to that agency. Because the Department of State collects fees for the provision of passport services to you, you are considered a person "doing business" with the Department. Passport service fees are established by law and regulation (see 22 U.S.C. 214, 22 CFR 22.1, and 22 CFR 51.61–66) and are collected at the time you apply for the passport service. If the Department fails to receive full payment of the applicable fees, because, for example, your check is returned for any reason or you dispute a passport fee charge to your credit card, the Department of State will take action to collect the delinquent fees from you under 22 CFR Part 34 and the Federal Claims Collection Standards (see 31 CFR Parts 900–904). In accordance with the Debt Collection Improvement Act (Pub.L. 104–134), if the fees remain unpaid after 180 days and no repayment arrangements have been made, the Department will refer the debt to the Department of Treasury for collection. Debt collection procedures used by Treasury may include referral of the debt to private collection agencies, reporting of the debt to credit bureaus, garnishment of private wages and administrative offset of the debt by reducing or withholding eligible Federal payments (e.g. tax refunds, social security payments, federal retirement, etc.) by the amount of your debt, including any interest penalties or other costs incurred. In addition, non-payment of passport fees may result in the invalidation of your passport. An invalidated passport cannot be used for travel.

## OTHER USES OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS

In addition to reporting your Social Security Number to Treasury and using it in connection with debt collection, the Department checks Social Security Numbers against lists of persons ineligible or potentially ineligible to receive a U.S. passport.

## PAPERWORK REDUCTION STATEMENT

You are not required to provide the information requested on this form unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number. We try to create forms and instructions that can be easily understood. Often this is difficult to do because our citizenship laws are very complex. The estimated burden time for this information collection is 40 minutes, which includes the time required to search existing data sources, gather the necessary data, complete and review this form, and provide and submit the form and any additional information required. If you have comments concerning the accuracy of this time estimate or suggestions for making this form simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. You can write to us at: U.S. Department of State (A/RPS/DIR) Washington, DC 20520.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO APPLICANTS WHO HAVE LOST OR HAD A PREVIOUS PASSPORT BOOK OR PASSPORT CARD STOLEN

A United States citizen may not normally bear more than one valid or potentially valid U.S. passport book or more than one valid or potentially valid U.S. passport card at a time. Therefore, when a valid or potentially valid U.S. passport book or U.S. passport card cannot be presented with a new application, it is necessary to submit a statement. Your statement must detail why the previous U.S. passport book or U.S. passport card cannot be presented.

The information you provide regarding your lost or stolen U.S. passport book or passport card will be placed into our Consular Lost or Stolen Passport System. This system is designed to prevent the misuse of your lost or stolen U.S. passport book or passport card. Anyone using the passport book or passport card reported as lost or stolen may be detained upon entry into the United States. Should you locate the U.S. passport book or passport card reported lost or stolen at a later time, report it as found and submit it for cancellation. It has been invalidated. You may not use that passport book or passport card for travel.

## PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST IDENTITY THEFT REPORT YOUR LOST OR STOLEN PASSPORT BOOK OR PASSPORT CARD!

For more information or to report your lost or stolen passport book or passport card by phone, call NPIC or visit our website at [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov).

## ACTS OR CONDITIONS

(If any of the below-mentioned acts or conditions have been performed by or apply to the applicant, the portion which applies should be lined out, and a supplementary explanatory statement under oath (or affirmation) by the applicant should be attached and made a part of this application.) I have not, since acquiring United States citizenship/nationality, been naturalized as a citizen of a foreign state; taken an oath or made an affirmation or other formal declaration of allegiance to a foreign state; entered or served in the armed forces of a foreign state; accepted or performed the duties of any office, post, or employment under the government of a foreign state or political subdivision thereof; made a formal renunciation of nationality either in the United States, or before a diplomatic or consular officer of the United States in a foreign state; or been convicted by a court or court martial of competent jurisdiction of committing any act of treason against, or attempting by force to overthrow, or bearing arms against, the United States, or conspiring to overthrow, put down, or to destroy by force, the Government of the United States.

## PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

**AUTHORITIES:** Collection of the information solicited on this form is authorized by Titles 8, 22, and 26 of the United States Code, whether or not codified, including specifically 22 U.S.C. 211a et seq.; 26 U.S.C. 6039E, Section 236 of the Admiral James W. Nance and Meg Donovan Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001; Executive Order 11295 (August 5, 1966); and 22 CFR parts 50 and 51.

**PURPOSE:** The primary purpose for soliciting the information is to establish citizenship, identity, and entitlement to issuance of a U.S. passport.

**ROUTINE USES:** The information solicited on this form may be made available as a routine use to other government agencies to assist the U.S. Department of State in adjudicating passport applications and requests for related services, and for law enforcement and administrative purposes. The information may be made available to foreign government agencies to fulfill passport control and immigration duties. The information may also be provided to foreign government agencies, international organizations and, in limited cases, private persons and organizations to investigate, prosecute, or otherwise address potential violations of law or to further the Secretary's responsibility for the protection of U.S. citizens and non-citizen nationals abroad. The information may be made available to private U.S. citizen 'wardens' designated by the U.S. embassies and consulates. For a more detailed listing of the routine uses to which this information may be put, see the Prefatory Statement of Routine Uses and the listing of routine users set forth in the system descriptions for Overseas Citizen Services Records (State-05) and Passport Records (State-26) published in the Federal Register.


**CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION:** With the exception of your Social Security Number (see Federal Tax Law statement on Instruction Page 3), you are not legally required to provide the information requested on this form. However, failure to do so may result in Passport Services' refusal to accept your application or result in the denial of a U.S. passport.

## ELECTRONIC PASSPORT STATEMENT

The State Department has begun issuing a new type of passport book containing an embedded electronic chip and called an "Electronic Passport". The new passport book continues to be proof of the bearer's United States citizenship/nationality and identity, and looks and functions in the same way as a passport without a chip. The addition of an electronic chip in the back cover enables the new passport book to carry a duplicate electronic copy of all information from the data page. The new passport book is usable at all ports-of-entry, including those that do not yet have electronic chip readers.

Use of the electronic format provides the traveler the additional security protections inherent in chip technology. Moreover, when used at ports-of-entry equipped with electronic chip readers, the new passport book provides for faster clearance through some of the port-of-entry processes.

The new passport book does not require special handling or treatment, but like previous versions should be protected from extreme bending and from immersion in water. The electronic chip must be read using specially formatted readers, and is not susceptible to unauthorized reading.

The cover of the new passport book is printed with a special symbol representing the embedded chip. The symbol  will appear in port-of-entry areas where the electronic passport book can be read.

## NOTICE TO APPLICANTS FOR OFFICIAL, DIPLOMATIC, OR NO-FEE PASSPORTS

You may use this application if you meet all of the provisions listed on Instruction Page 2, however you must CONSULT YOUR SPONSORING AGENCY FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON PROPER ROUTING PROCEDURES BEFORE FORWARDING THIS APPLICATION. Your completed passport will be released to your sponsoring agency for forwarding to you.



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OMB APPROVAL NO. 1405-0020  
EXPIRATION DATE: XX-XXXX  
ESTIMATED BURDEN: 40 MIN

Attention: see WARNING on page two of instructions

Please select the document (or documents) for which you are applying:

U.S. Passport Book     U.S. Passport Card

The U.S. passport card may only be used for international travel by land or sea between the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda. Please visit our website for detailed information.

1. Name *Last*

First & Middle

3. Sex

M  F

4. Place of Birth (*City & State or City & Country as it is presently known*)

2. Date of Birth (*mm/dd/yyyy*)

5. Social Security Number

6. Mailing Address: *Street/RFD # or P.O. Box*

Apartment or unit #

City

State

Zip Code (*Zip + 4 if known*)

In Care Of or Country, if applicable

7. Contact Phone Number

Home     Cell  
 Work

8. Email Address (*Optional*)

9. Have You Ever Used A Different Name (*Maiden, Previous Marriage, Legal Name Change*)? If yes, please complete. (*Attach additional pages if needed*)

1.

2.

10. Passport Book or Passport Card Information

Your name as listed on your most recent passport or passport card

Most recent passport book or passport card

Issue date (*mm/dd/yyyy*)

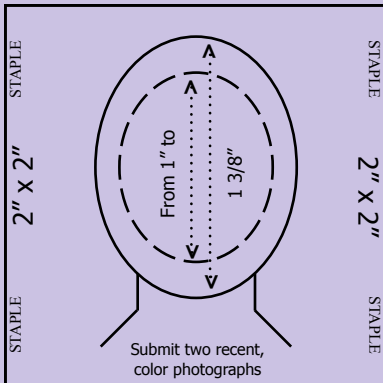
11. Name Change Information - *Complete if name is different than last passport book or passport card*

Changed by Marriage  
 Changed by Court Order

Place of Name Change (*City/State*)

Date (*mm/dd/yyyy*)

Please submit marriage certificate or court order to support your name change.



**CONTINUE TO PAGE 2**

**YOU MUST SIGN AND DATE THE APPLICATION IN THE DESIGNATED AREA BELOW**

I declare under penalty of perjury all of the following: 1)I am a citizen or non-citizen national of the United States and have not, since acquiring U.S. citizenship or nationality, performed any of the acts listed under "Acts or Conditions" on the reverse side of this application (unless explanatory statement is attached); 2)the statements made on the application are true and correct; 3)I have not knowingly and willfully made false statements or included false documents in support of this application; 4)the photograph submitted with this application is a genuine, current, photograph of me; and 5)I have read and understood the warning on page two of the instructions to the application form.

x \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

This section for issuing office only

Marriage Certificate    Date of Marriage/Place Issued:

Court Order    Date Filed/Court:

Other:

Attached:



PPT Fee \_\_\_\_\_ EF \_\_\_\_\_ Postage \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_



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**Name of Applicant** *(Last, First & Middle)* **Date of Birth** *(mm/dd/yyyy)*

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**12. Height**    **13. Hair Color**    **14. Eye Color**    **15. Occupation**    **16. Employer**

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**17. Additional Contact Phone Numbers**

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Work	<input type="checkbox"/> _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Work	<input type="checkbox"/> _____

**18. Permanent Address:** *Street/RFD # (No P.O. Box)* Apartment or unit #

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City State    Zip Code

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**19. Emergency Contact** - *Provide the information of a person not traveling with you to be contacted in the event of an emergency.*

Name Address: Street/RFD # or P.O. Box Apartment or unit #

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City State    Zip Code    Phone Number    Relationship

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**20. Travel Plans**

Date of Trip *(mm/dd/yyyy)*    Length of Trip    Countries to be visited

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**STOP! YOU HAVE COMPLETED YOUR APPLICATION  
BE SURE TO SIGN AND DATE PAGE ONE**

