



US Department of State
APPLICATION FOR A US PASSPORT

PLEASE DETACH AND RETAIN THIS INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR YOUR RECORDS.

I applied: **Place:** _____

Date: _____

FOR INFORMATION, QUESTIONS, AND INQUIRIES: Please visit our website at 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 e-mail at NPIC@state.gov. Customer Service Representatives are available M-F, 8AM-8PM EST (excluding Federal holidays). Automated information is available 24/7.

US PASSPORTS ARE ISSUED ONLY TO US CITIZENS OR NON-CITIZEN NATIONALS. EACH PERSON MUST OBTAIN HIS OR HER OWN PASSPORT.

APPLICANTS WHO HAVE HAD A PREVIOUS US PASSPORT

If your most recent passport was issued less than 15 years ago and you were over 16 years old at the time of issuance, you may be eligible to use Form DS-82 (mail-in application). Please inquire about eligibility when you apply or visit our website or contact NPIC. Address any requests for the addition of visa pages to a Passport Agency or a US consulate or embassy abroad. In advance of your departure, check visa requirements with consular officials of the countries you will be visiting.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILDREN

• **AS DIRECTED BY PUBLIC LAW 106-113 AND 22 CFR 51.27:**

To submit an application for a child under age 14 both parents or the child's legal guardian(s) must appear and present the following:

- Evidence of the child's US citizenship,
- Evidence of the child's relationship to parents/guardian(s), **AND**
- Parental/guardian identification.

IF ONLY ONE PARENT APPEARS YOU MUST ALSO SUBMIT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Second parent's notarized written statement consenting to passport issuance for the child,
- Primary evidence of sole authority to apply, **OR**
- A written statement (made under penalty of perjury) explaining the second parent's unavailability.

• **AS DIRECTED BY REGULATION 22 CFR 51.21 and 51.27:**

Each minor child applying for a passport must appear in person.

WHAT TO SUBMIT WITH THIS FORM:

1. PROOF OF US CITIZENSHIP
2. PROOF OF IDENTITY
3. TWO RECENT COLOR PHOTOGRAPHS, **AND**
4. FEES (As explained on reverse of form.)

WHERE TO SUBMIT THIS FORM:

Please complete and submit this application in person to one of the following acceptance agents: a clerk of a Federal or State court of record or a judge or clerk of a probate court accepting applications; a designated municipal or county official; a designated postal employee at an authorized post office; or an agent at a Passport Agency in Boston, Chicago, Honolulu, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, New Orleans, New York, Norwalk CT, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Seattle, or Washington DC; or a US consular official at a US embassy or consulate, if abroad. To find your nearest acceptance facility, visit our website or contact the National Passport Information Center.

See Instruction Page 2 for detailed information on the completion and submission of this form.

1. PROOF OF US CITIZENSHIP

- a. APPLICANTS BORN IN THE UNITED STATES: Submit a previous US passport or **certified** birth certificate. A birth certificate must include your given name and surname, date, and place of birth, date the birth record was filed, and the seal or other certification of the official custodian of such records.
- (1) If the birth certificate was filed more than 1 year after the birth: It must be supported by evidence described in the next paragraph.
 - (2) If no birth record exists: Submit a registrar's notice to that effect. Also submit an early baptismal or circumcision certificate, hospital birth record, early census, school, or family Bible records, newspapers or insurance files, or notarized affidavits of persons having knowledge of your birth (in addition to at least one record listed above). Evidence should include your given name and surname, date and place of birth, and the seal or other certification of the office (if customary) and the signature of the issuing official.
- b. APPLICANTS BORN OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES: Submit a previous US passport, Certificate of Naturalization, Certificate of Citizenship, Report of Birth Abroad, or evidence described below.
- (1) If You Claim Citizenship Through Naturalization Of Parent(s): Submit the Certificate(s) of Naturalization of your parent(s), your foreign birth certificate, **and** proof of your admission to the United States for permanent residence.
 - (2) If You Claim Citizenship Through Birth Abroad To One US Citizen Parent: Submit a Consular Report of Birth (Form FS-240), Certification of Birth (Form DS-1350 or FS-545), **or** your foreign birth certificate, proof of citizenship of your parent, your parents' marriage certificate, **and** an affidavit showing all of your US citizen parent's periods and places of residence/physical presence in the United States and abroad before your birth.
 - (3) If You Claim Citizenship Through Birth Abroad To Two US Citizen Parents: Submit a Consular Report of Birth (Form FS-240), Certification of Birth (Form DS-1350 or FS-545), **or** your foreign birth certificate, parents' marriage certificate, proof of citizenship of your parents', **and** an affidavit showing all of your US citizen parents' periods and places of residence/physical presence in the United States and abroad before your birth.
 - (4) If You Claim Citizenship Through Adoption by a US Citizen Parent(s): Submit evidence of your permanent residence status, full and final adoption, **and** your US citizen parent(s) evidence of legal and physical custody. (Please note: Acquisition of US citizenship for persons born abroad and adopted only applies if the applicant was born on or after 02/27/1983)
- c. ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE: When necessary, we may ask you to provide additional evidence to establish your claim to US citizenship.

2. PROOF OF IDENTITY

You must establish your identity to the satisfaction of the acceptance agent.

You may submit items such as the following containing your signature AND physical description or photograph that is a good likeness of you: previous US passport; Certificate of Naturalization, Certificate of Citizenship, driver's license (not temporary or learner's license); or government (Federal, State, municipal) employee identification card or pass. Temporary or altered documents are not acceptable. When necessary, we may ask you to provide additional evidence to establish your identity.

IF YOU CANNOT PROVIDE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF IDENTITY as stated above, you must appear with an IDENTIFYING WITNESS who is a US citizen, non-citizen US national, or permanent resident alien who has known you for at least 2 years. Your witness must prove his or her identity and complete and sign an Affidavit of Identifying Witness (Form DS-71) before the acceptance agent. You must also submit some identification of your own.

3. 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. They must be capable of withstanding a mounting temperature of 225°F (107°C). The 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.)

4. FEES

- a. If you are 16 years of age or older: The passport processing fee is \$55, the application execution fee is \$30, and the security surcharge is \$12, therefore your **total cost for the passport will be \$97**. Your passport will be valid for 10 years from the date of issue except where limited by the Secretary of State to a shorter period. (See information below about the additional cost for expedited service.)
- b. If you are under 16 years of age: The passport processing fee is \$40, the application execution fee is \$30, and the security surcharge is \$12, therefore your **total cost for the passport will be \$82**. Your passport will be valid for 5 years from the date of issue except where limited by the Secretary of State to a shorter period. (See information below about the additional cost for expedited service.)

BY LAW, THE PASSPORT PROCESSING, EXECUTION, AND SECURITY FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.

- **The passport processing, execution, and security fees may be paid in one of the following forms:** Checks (personal, certified, traveler's); major credit card (Visa, Master Card, American Express, and Discover); bank draft or cashier's check; money order (US Postal, international, currency exchange), or if abroad, the foreign currency equivalent, or a check drawn on a US bank. All fees should be payable to the "US Department of State" or if abroad, the appropriate US embassy or US consulate. When applying at a designated acceptance facility, the \$30 execution fee should be made payable to the acceptance facility. **NOTE: Some designated acceptance facilities do not accept credit cards as a form of payment.**
- **For faster processing,** you may request expedited service. Expedited requests will be processed in three workdays from receipt at a passport agency. The additional fee for expedited service is \$60. Therefore, if you choose to request expedited service and you are 16 years of age or older the **total cost of your US passport will be \$157** and if you are 15 years of age or younger the **total cost of your US passport will be \$142**. Expedited service is available only in the United States.
- **If you desire SPECIAL POSTAGE SERVICE** (overnight mail, special delivery, etc.) include the appropriate postage fee with your payment.
- An additional \$60 fee will be charged when, upon your request, the US Department of State verifies issuance of a previous US passport or Consular Report of Birth Abroad because you are unable to submit evidence of US citizenship.
- **For applicants with US Government or military authorization for no-fee passports,** no fees are charged except the execution fee when applying at a designated acceptance facility.
- If you choose to provide your e-mail address in Item #12 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.

FEDERAL TAX LAW

Section 6039E of the Internal Revenue Code (26 USC 6039E) requires you to provide your Social Security Number (SSN), if you have one, when you apply for a US passport or renewal of a US 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.

PAYMENT OF FEES

31 USC 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 USC 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 US 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 85 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: US Department of State (A/RPS/DIR) Washington, DC 20520.

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

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

The information you provide regarding your lost or stolen US passport will be placed into our Consular Lost/Stolen Passport System. This system is designed to prevent the misuse of your lost or stolen US passport. Anyone using the passport book reported as lost or stolen may be detained upon entry into the United States. Should you locate the US passport 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 for travel.

PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST IDENTITY THEFT—REPORT YOUR LOST OR STOLEN PASSPORT!

For more information or to report your lost or stolen passport by phone, call NPIC or visit our website at 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 USC 211a et seq.; 26 USC 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 US passport.

ROUTINE USES: The information solicited on this form may be made available as a routine use to other government agencies to assist the US 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 US citizens and non-citizen nationals abroad. The information may be made available to private US citizen 'wardens' designated by the US 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 US passport.

ELECTRONIC PASSPORT STATEMENT

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

Use of the electronic format will provide 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 will provide for faster clearance through some of the port-of-entry processes.

Issuance of this new passport will be phased in incrementally. It is expected that by late 2006 nearly all US passports will be issued in this new format. The new passport will 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 will be printed with a special symbol representing the embedded chip. The symbol will appear in port-of-entry areas where the electronic passport 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.