

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT**  
Internal Revenue Service  
TD 9679, Information Reporting by Passport Applicants  
OMB Control Number **1545-1359**

**1. CIRCUMSTANCES NECESSITATING COLLECTION OF INFORMATION**

Internal Revenue Code (IRC), Section 6039E provides rules concerning information reporting by U.S. passport and permanent resident applicants and requires specified Federal agencies to provide certain information to the IRS.

Per TD 9679, the finalized regulations of section 301.6039-1E provide information reporting rules for certain passport applicants. These final regulations apply to certain individuals applying for passports (including renewals) and provide guidance to such individuals about the information that must be included with their passport applications.

Section 301.6039E-1(a) requires an individual applying for a U.S. passport (passport applicant), other than an individual who applies for an official passport, diplomatic passport or passport for use on other official U.S. government business, to provide certain information with his or her passport application.

Section 301.6039E-1(b)(1) describes the required information to be provided by passport applicants: The applicant's full name and, if applicable, previous name; address of regular or principal place of residence within the country of residence and, if different, mailing address; taxpayer identifying number (TIN); and date of birth. Section 301.6039E-1(b)(2) provides that the required information must be submitted with the passport application, regardless of where the applicant resides at the time it is submitted.

Section 301.6039E-1(c) provides guidance on the circumstances under which the IRS may impose a \$500 penalty amount on any passport applicant who fails to provide the required information.

**2. USE OF DATA**

The information is required by individuals who apply for a U.S. passport or a renewal of a U.S. passport. The information provided by passport applicants will be used by the IRS for tax compliance purposes.

**3. USE OF IMPROVED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO REDUCE BURDEN**

The IRS has no plans to offer electronic enabling because this collection is a notification of the rules for applying for and renewing a U.S. passport.

**4. EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY DUPLICATION**

The information obtained through this collection is unique and is not already available for use or adaptation from another source.

**5. METHODS TO MINIMIZE BURDEN ON SMALL BUSINESSES OR OTHER SMALL ENTITIES**

The IRS proactively works with both internal and external stakeholders to minimize the burden on small businesses, while maintaining tax compliance. The Agency also seeks input regarding the burden estimates from the public via notices and tax product instructions. This information collection is for individual taxpayers; therefore, there will be minimal if any impact to small businesses.

**6. CONSEQUENCES OF LESS FREQUENT COLLECTION ON FEDERAL PROGRAMS OR POLICY ACTIVITIES**

Consequences of less frequent collection would result in the IRS being unable to monitor compliance with the Federal tax rules related to applying for passports (including renewals), under section 6039E. Failure to comply could result in a \$500.00 penalty.

**7. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING DATA COLLECTION TO BE INCONSISTENT WITH GUIDELINES IN 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2)**

There are no special circumstances requiring data collection to be inconsistent with Guidelines in 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2).

**8. CONSULTATION WITH INDIVIDUALS OUTSIDE OF THE AGENCY ON AVAILABILITY OF DATA, FREQUENCY OF COLLECTION, CLARITY OF INSTRUCTIONS AND FORMS, AND DATA ELEMENTS**

In response to the Federal Register notice dated December 4, 2020 (85 FR 78408), we received no comments during the comment period regarding this guidance.

**9. EXPLANATION OF DECISION TO PROVIDE ANY PAYMENT OR GIFT TO RESPONDENTS**

There are no special circumstances requiring data collection to be inconsistent with Guidelines in 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2).

**10. ASSURANCE OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF RESPONSES**

Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential as required by 26 USC 6103.

**11. JUSTIFICATION OF SENSITIVE QUESTIONS**

There is no sensitive personally identifiable information (PII) in this collection.

**12. ESTIMATED BURDEN OF INFORMATION COLLECTION**

Under §301.6039E-1, individuals applying for passports (including renewals) and provide guidance to such individuals about the information that must be included with their passport applications. We estimate that 12, 133,537 respondents will spend an average of .01 hours meeting these requirements. The burden for this information collection is 1,213,354 hours.

Authority	#Respondents	#Responses Per Respondent	Total Annual Responses	Hours Per Response	Total Burden
IRC 6039E	12,133,537	1	12,133,537	0.1	1,213,354
Totals	12,133,537		12,133,537		1,213,354

The following regulation imposes no additional burden. Please continue to assign OMB number 1545-1359 to this regulation:

**301.6039E-1**

**13. ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL COST BURDEN TO RESPONDENTS**

To ensure more accuracy and consistency across its information collections, IRS is currently in the process of revising the methodology it uses to estimate burden and costs. Once this methodology is complete, IRS will update this information collection to reflect a more precise estimate of burden and costs.

**14. ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

To ensure more accuracy and consistency across its information collections, IRS is currently in the process of revising the methodology it uses to estimate burden and costs. Once this methodology is complete, IRS will update this information collection to reflect a more precise estimate of burden and costs. At the present time, the IRS estimates an annual governmental cost to be nominal.

**15. REASONS FOR CHANGE IN BURDEN**

There is no change in the paperwork burden previously approved by OMB. We are making this submission to renew the OMB approval.

**16. PLANS FOR TABULATION, STATISTICAL ANALYSIS AND PUBLICATION**

There are no plans for tabulation, statistical analysis and publication.

**17. REASONS WHY DISPLAYING THE OMB EXPIRATION DATE IS INAPPROPRIATE**

We believe that displaying the OMB expiration date is inappropriate because it could cause confusion by leading taxpayers to believe that the regulation sunsets as of the expiration date. Taxpayers are not likely to be aware that the Service intends to request renewal of the OMB approval and obtain a new expiration date before the old one expires.

**18. EXCEPTIONS TO THE CERTIFICATION STATEMENT**

There are no exceptions to the certification statement.

**Note:** The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information in this submission:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.