

# Passport facts

As of **June 1, 2009**, U.S. citizens entering the country from bordering nations and Caribbean countries must present a passport book, passport card or other travel document authorized by the Department of Homeland Security.

Forms and additional details may be obtained at  
[http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport\\_1738\\_2.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738_2.html),  
or by calling 877-487-2778.

- Applicants may obtain either or both of two travel documents: a standard passport book acceptable for all international travel; a passport card acceptable only when entering the United States by land or sea (not air travel) from Mexico, Canada, Bermuda and the Caribbean.
- Along with completed and signed forms, applicants must submit proof of citizenship (Certified birth certificate issued by the city, county or state; Consular Report of Birth Abroad or Certification of Birth, Naturalization Certificate, Certificate of Citizenship, etc.), two color photographs and appropriate fees.
- A first-time passport book costs \$100 for those 16 or older, \$85 for those under 16. Renewals are \$75. A passport card for first-time applicants costs \$45 for those 16 or older, \$35 for younger. Renewals are \$20.
- **Passport delivery takes three to four weeks.**
- **Expedited delivery within two weeks is available for an additional fee.**

## Photographs Must Be -

- Identical
- In color
- 2 x 2 inches in size
- Taken within the past 6 months, showing current appearance
- Full face, front view with a plain white or off-white background
- Between 1 inch and 1-3/8 inches from the bottom of the chin to the top of the head
- Taken in **normal street attire**