



District Bulletin- February 2016

Passport Alert

General Information

- The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs is anticipating a surge in passport applications.
- Approximately **45 million passports will expire between FY 2016 and FY 2018**, compared to 26 million in the combined previous three years.
- Passport Services received 14.6 million applications in 2015. They anticipate at least **17.4 million in FY 2016** and **20.9 million in FY 2017**.

What should you expect?

Due to the anticipated increase in applications, **processing times will increase** for both routine and expedited applications.

What is Passport Services doing?

- Passport Services has increased passport staffing by 33% since 2007 and plans to increase that number by an additional 20% to meet staffing needs.

What can you do?

- **Renew now.** Passport Services recommends that you apply now if your passport will expire within the next 12 months.
- **Be prepared.** Be aware of wait times (3 weeks for expedited, 6 weeks for routine).

Passport Acceptance Facilities

A partial list of Passport Acceptance Facilities in the 48th District is as follows:

Costa Mesa Library

1855 Park Ave.
 Costa Mesa, CA
 92627

Fountain Valley Post Office

17227 New Hope St.
 Fountain Valley, CA
 92728

Beach Center Station Post Office

316 Olive Ave.
 Huntington Beach, CA
 92648

Laguna Beach Post Office

29911 Niguel Rd.
 Laguna Niguel, CA
 92607

Newport Beach Public Library

1000 Avocado Ave.
 Newport Beach, CA
 92658

Seal Beach Post Office

2929 Westminster Ave
 Seal Beach, CA 90740

Go to <https://iafdb.travel.state.gov/> to find a Passport Acceptance Facility near you. If you do not have computer access, call my district office for additional Passport Services locations.

Passport Cards

You may opt to apply for a Passport Card instead of a Passport Book, which can be used to enter the U.S. from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Bermuda at land border crossings or sea ports-of-entry. **Passport cards cannot be used for international travel by air.**

Passport Photos

You can have your Passport Photos taken at various locations including:

- Shipping stores such as Fedex Kinkos and UPS
- Drugstores
- Post offices
- Warehouse stores, such as Costco and Sam's Club

Passport Renewal Documents (by mail)

- Fill out Form DS-82, which can be found on the Department of State's website at <http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/212241.pdf>
- Submit your most recent U.S. passport
- Submit name change documents if applicable
- Pay the applicable fee
- Provide one passport photo

You must apply in person at a Passport Acceptance Facility if you are:

- Applying for a first time passport
- Renewing a passport that is not eligible to renew by mail
- Applying for a child under 16 years of age,
- Applying for a passport for an adolescent between 16 and 17 years of age.

Passport Application Documents (in person)

- Fill out Form DS-11, which can be found at <https://pptform.state.gov/>
- Submit completed Form DS-11 in person
- Submit evidence of U.S. Citizenship, such as a certified U.S. birth certificate or a naturalization certificate
- Present identification, such as a fully-valid driver's license or a current military ID
- Submit a photocopy showing the front and back of the identification document on plain white "8 ½ x 11" paper
- Pay the applicable fee
- Provide one Passport photo

NOTE: **DO NOT** apply in person if you are eligible to apply by mail.

Application Fees

Adult First Time Applications (16 years of age or older):

- Passport Book and Card: \$140 + \$25 execution fee
- Passport Book: \$110 + \$25 execution fee
- Passport Card: \$30 + \$25 execution fee

Adult Renewals (16 years of age or older):

- Passport Book and Card: \$140
- Passport Book: \$110
- Passport Card (if you currently hold a valid Passport Book or Card): \$30

All Minor Applications (under 16 years of age):

- Passport Book and Card: \$95 + \$25 execution fee
- Passport Book: \$80 + \$25
- Passport Card: \$15 + \$25 execution fee

Processing Times

Current Passport application processing times are as follows:

- Routine
 - 6 weeks
- Expedited
 - 3 weeks
- *Expedited at Agency
 - 8 business days

*Based on need, restrictions apply

Questions?

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding passport applications, please contact Tony Capitelli in my Huntington Beach District Office at (714) 960- 6483 or at Tony.Capitelli@mail.house.gov.

National Passport Information Center

Hours: M-F 5:00am to 7:00 pm
Saturday 7:00am to 12:00pm

From the U.S. 1-877-487-2778
From the U.S. 1-888-874-7793 (TTY/TTD)
NPIC@state.gov