

A passport is an internationally recognized travel document that verifies the identity and nationality of the bearer. A valid U.S. passport is required to enter and leave most foreign countries. And now, with the implementation of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI), U.S. citizens need a passport or equivalent document when returning from Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, or the Caribbean.

If you are planning travel outside of the United States, [please apply for a passport](#) . We recommend that you apply early. Routine service processing time is currently 4 to 6 weeks.

[Click here](#) to find a passport facility near you.

If your planned departure is approaching and you have not received your passport, please contact my office. Please have the following information ready when contacting our office:

- Name of Applicant
- Date of Birth
- Locator #:(If you do not know your locator number, you will need to provide your *complete* social number.)
  
- Last 4 digits of your Social Security Number
- Address and phone number

The [San Francisco Passport Agency](#) serves customers who are traveling within 2 weeks (14 days), or who need foreign visas for travel. An appointment is required.

San Francisco Passport Agency  
95 Hawthorne Street  
5th Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94105-3901  
Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., local time, M-F, excluding Federal holidays

Call 1-877-487-2778 for passport questions, travel emergencies, or to make an appointment.

If you find that your questions are not answered here, please do not hesitate to contact my office. In the event you find yourself having a problem with a federal agency and require assistance, please fill out and sign a [privacy release form](#) .

### Helpful Links

- [Travel.State.Gov](#)

### Passport FAQ's

- [How do I get a passport?](#)
- [How do I renew my passport?](#)
- [How do I get a passport for a minor?](#)
- [Do I need a passport to travel to Mexico, Canada or the Caribbean?](#)
- [How can I get a passport in a hurry?](#)
- [What is a passport card and do I need one?](#)
- [Where&nbsp;can I get travel&nbsp;information on a specific country?](#)
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