

Emergency Passport

How to Apply for an Emergency U.S. Passport



EMERGENCY PASSPORT

Emergency passport service could refer to two things. One, it could refer to application for a limited-validity, emergency passport. Two, it could refer to express service offered by private [passport expediting services](#).

Emergency passport service is available to U.S. citizens who are traveling within 10 business days and need to obtain their travel document quickly. An emergency passport is also referred to as a limited-validity passport. Validity can be up to one year but usually only covers your proposed travel time plus a little more. The validity cannot be extended nor can extra visa pages be added to the document.

An emergency passport is most frequently issued to an American traveling abroad whose passport was either lost or stolen. Applicants must apply in person for this service at the nearest [U.S. embassy or consulate general](#). In most cases, an emergency passport application can be processed within one or two hours.

In the case of a lost or stolen passport while abroad, the fact should be reported to the local police before application is made for the limited-validity passport. Take a copy of the police report to the embassy or consulate.

The [fees](#) for a limited-validity emergency passport are the same as a full-validity passport. Travelers who are issued an emergency passport are encouraged to apply for a full-validity passport once they return home. There is no fee if the application is submitted before the emergency passport expires.

American citizens who live outside the United States can submit their applications for a full-validity passport to the U.S. Embassy or Consulate where they reside. American citizens who live in the United States can submit their applications to the address on the application form.

You may have to submit the following documents in addition to the listed requirements for your specific renewal. To discover the exact requirements, check the endorsement on the last page of the emergency passport.

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If your passport was issued under 22 CFR 51.41, you also need to submit [proof of citizenship](#). If your passport was issued under 22 CFR 51.28, you need to submit proof of identity.

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