

Second Passport

How to Apply for a Second Passport



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A [second passport](#) is the exception to the rule. The general policy is that "no person shall bear or be in possession of more than one valid or potentially valid passport of the same type at any one time."

There are a couple of circumstances in which a second passport is authorized by the Bureau of Consular Affairs.

1. You need a second visa if you plan to visit a country that will deny a visa due to the fact that your passport contains markings or visas showing you traveled to certain other countries.
2. You need a passport for immediate travel because of delays in getting a travel visa or some other foreign governmental process that required you to submit your passport.
 - a. There are rare situations in which travelers are granted more than one "second" passport.
 - b. A second passport is only issued if you are unable to complete your travel through a change of itinerary or you cannot cancel your current passport in order to obtain a new one.

There are a couple of circumstances in which the issuance of another passport is not considered a valid second passport.

1. A passport that is issued to replace one that is temporarily unavailable. It could be that your passport is locked in a safety deposit box or packed for moving. In this case, you have to submit the form for a [lost passport](#) and apply for a new one.
2. A passport that is issued to replace one that was lost by a foreign embassy or consulate in the process of obtaining a visa. Again, you have to submit the form for a lost or stolen passport and apply for a new one.

The validity of a second passport is limited to two years and cannot be extended.

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1. Submit the appropriate application form. Submit [Form DS-11: Application for a U.S. Passport](#) if you are applying for a new passport of [Form DS-82: Application for a Passport by Mail](#) if you are applying for a renewal.
2. Submit a signed written statement stating the reason(s) why you need a second passport. You must also include a statement to the fact that you will immediately report the loss of either passport to Passport Services or the nearest U.S. embassy, consulate or consular agency.
3. Submit [proof of U.S. citizenship](#) and identity.
4. Submit two [passport photos](#).
5. Pay the appropriate [passport fees](#).

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