

New Passport Fees - Effective July 13

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New passport fees for the U.S. Passport Book, the U.S. Passport Card, and other passport services will be in effect on **Tuesday, July 13, 2010**.

The schedule of new fees for passport application services is as follows:

| U.S. Passport Book | | | |
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| | Passport Fee Payable to Department of State | Acceptance Fee Payable to Acceptance Facility | Total Applicant Fee |
| Adults: First-Time (Age 16 and older) | \$110 | \$25 | \$135 |
| Adults: Renewal (Applying with DS-82) | \$110 | \$0 | \$110 |
| Minors (Under age 16) | \$80 | \$25 | \$105 |
| U.S. Passport Card | | | |
| | Passport Fee Payable to Department of State | Acceptance Fee Payable to Acceptance Facility | Total Applicant Fee |
| Adults: First-Time (Age 16 and older) | \$30 | \$25 | \$55 |
| Adults: Renewal (Applying with DS-82) | \$30 | \$0 | \$30 |
| Minors (Under age 16) | \$15 | \$25 | \$40 |
| Other Service Fees | | | |
| | Additional Visa Pages | | \$82 |
| | File Search Fee | | \$150 |
| | Expedite Processing | | \$60 |

Use of Passport Fees

Passport application fees are not only used to cover the costs of producing a U.S.

Passport Book or Passport Card. Passport fees also cover the costs of providing emergency services for American citizens overseas in crisis situations, such as the current earthquake disaster in Haiti, helping Americans who have been the victims of crime while traveling or living abroad, and providing support to the families of American citizens who have died overseas.

Passport application fees enable us to keep up with technology and implement fraud prevention initiatives to protect the United States passport. The security features of the U.S. passport book have received high praise from document security specialists the world over. Investing in new technology to prevent passport fraud is one of our key priorities, and an ongoing initiative.

Passport fees fund the expansion of passport infrastructure and service, allowing us to offer more timely service to the traveling public, maintain high standards for adjudication in accordance with US citizenship laws, and provide appropriate attention to fraud vulnerabilities.

Over the last few years, the demand for passports has increased to an average of 15 million per year. In FY 2005, we issued 10.1 million passports; peaked at 18.4 million in FY 2007; and expect to issue over 15 million in FY 2010. To increase our presence in underserved areas, the Department has undertaken a systematic expansion of the passport network, particularly in communities affected by the land border-crossing requirements associated with the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative. By the end of FY 2010, we will have 23 agencies providing emergency passport services to the general public, three high-volume application processing centers, and two large-scale document print centers.

Value of the Passport

The U.S. Passport Book and U.S. Passport Card for adults are valid for ten years. Passports for minors under age 16 are valid for five years. The U.S. Passport is not just used for travel anymore. It serves as proof of U.S. citizenship and identity for important purposes such as work authorization and eligibility for many Federal benefits.