

## PASSPORT INFORMATION

On **June 1, 2009**, the U.S. government will implement the full requirements of the land and sea phase which require most U.S. citizens entering the United States at sea or land ports of entry to have a passport, passport card, or [WHTI-compliant document](#).

**All persons** traveling by **air** outside of the United States are required to present a **PASSPORT BOOK** (or other valid travel document – see website for more information) to enter or re-enter the United States.

The **PASSPORT CARD** can be used to enter the United States from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Bermuda at land border crossings or sea ports-of-entry. It was designed for your convenience – more portable and less expensive for local border crossings.

You may apply for the **PASSPORT BOOK**, the **PASSPORT CARD** or both.

Both the **PASSPORT BOOK** and the **PASSPORT CARD** are valid for 10 years. You have 5 years after expiration to renew (some rules apply - see application). Children under 16 will be issued a 5 year passport.

The **PASSPORT BOOK** is \$75 (plus a separate passport agent fee of \$25) for the first time applicant. (for children under 16, \$60 plus \$25)

The **PASSPORT CARD** is \$20 (plus separate passport agent fee of \$25) for the first time applicant. (for children under 16, \$10 plus \$25)

If you already have the **PASSPORT BOOK**, you may also apply for a **PASSPORT CARD**. (You have up to 5 years after the book expires to renew). You will need to mail in a completed renewal application form, new passport photos, your passport book, and a check for \$20 to the US Dept of State. (some rules apply - see application) You will get your passport book back.

If you already have a **PASSPORT CARD**, you may apply for a **PASSPORT BOOK**. You will need to mail in a completed renewal application form, passport photos, your passport card, and a check for \$75 to the US Dept of State. (some rules apply - see application) You will get your passport card back.

After applying, your documents will be returned, but may come back in separate envelopes.

For more information, you may visit the passport website: [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov)