

# THE PASSPORT APPLICATION BASICS



WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

DON'T PROCRASTINATE  APPLY EARLY!

## STEP 1: WHEN ARE YOU APPLYING?

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING PEAK SEASON  
APPLICATION DATE : **JANUARY - AUGUST**

**ROUTINE PROCESSING**



6 weeks to process

**EXPEDITED PROCESSING**



3 weeks to process

**EXPEDITED AT A PASSPORT AGENCY\***



8 business days to process

**\$60 ADDITIONAL EXPEDITE FEE**

\*based on need, restrictions apply

**PEAK SEASON**

**JANUARY - AUGUST**  
PROCESSING TIMES ARE **SLOWER!**



**OFF PEAK**

**SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER**  
PROCESSING TIMES ARE **FASTER!**

## STEP 2: WHERE ARE YOU TRAVELING TO?

YOU NEED A PASSPORT AT



International Ports of Entry



Border Crossings



Airports

## STEP 3: DO YOU NEED A PASSPORT BOOK OR PASSPORT CARD?



VS



WHERE



Valid for international travel by **air, sea, or land.**



Valid when entering the United States from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda at land border crossings or sea ports-of-entry.  
**Not valid for international travel by air.**

WHEN



Valid **10 years** for adults.  
**5 years** for minors under age 16.



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**5 years** for minors under age 16.

HOW MUCH



**First Time Applicant**  
**\$135** for adults  
**\$105** for minors under age 16

**Renewal**  
**\$110** for adults



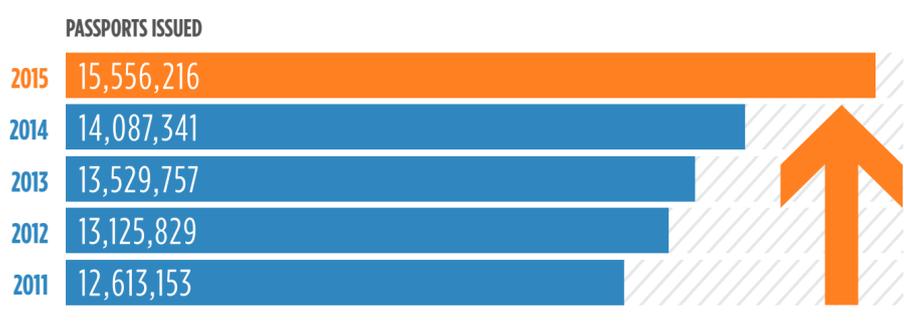
**First Time Applicant**  
**\$55** for adults  
**\$40** for minors under age 16

**Renewal**  
**\$30** for adults

## STEP 4: RECEIVE YOUR PASSPORT ON TIME SO YOU CAN ENJOY YOUR TRAVELS

The number of passports being issued each year is

**ON THE RISE!**



LEARN HOW TO APPLY  
[www.travel.state.gov/passports](http://www.travel.state.gov/passports)



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