

Passports and Visas

Passport

A passport is issued to you by the country in which you live. It is your proof of citizenship.

If you are traveling with someone else, it is a good idea to carry each other's copies. If you lose your passport, your companion will have a copy of it.

Visas

Many non-citizens need a visa to enter a country to visit, work, study and live. This is a stamp or endorsement by the government of the country you are entering.

You need a passport before you can apply for a visa. Start applying for a visa as soon as you have a passport. You will need to send your passport to the embassy or consulate of the country you want to visit.

Whom To Contact

- ❑ Go to usembassy.gov for a list of U.S. embassies, consulates and diplomatic missions. You can choose from these world regions:
 - Western Hemisphere
 - Europe-Eurasia
 - Near East
 - Africa
 - South & Central Asia
 - East Asia-Pacific.

- ❑ Go to travel.state.gov for information about U.S. passports.
- ❑ Go to <https://pptform.state.gov> to find out where to apply for or to start the U.S. passport application.
- ❑ Go to usvisas.state.gov for information about U.S. visas.
- ❑ Go to cibtvisas.com/visa-quick-check to see if you need a visa for your trip.
- ❑ Go to travel.state.gov > *International Travel* > *Country Information* for country-specific information, travel alerts, travel warnings, vaccinations, passport validity, tourist visa requirements and more.

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