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The average period within which a passport replacement can be achieved is eight weeks. There are many things that might necessitate the replacement of a passport. One of them may be due to theft, ordinary loss or server anomalies in the document. Any one traveling must be in possession of a valid travelling document. It is against the law to travel without one. The urgency of the replacement depends on how immediate your traveling plans are.

Use The Internet

For travelers with urgent travel plans who require the passport quickly, an Internet search is a good option. There are a number of companies available online that offer these services. These providers can deliver a new document within a very short time, as short as 24 hours. However, it should be noted that these companies charge an additional fee for urgent documents. The additional charges can be as high as 300 US dollars but it varies depending on the urgency. Those processed in a longer time will have lower fees.

The Government Connection

The good thing about companies that provide this service is that they work in conjunction with government and immigration authorities meaning that they have an upper hand when it comes to facilitating speed of approval and delivery. If this was done by an individual, it will take a longer period of time because the private person must go through the normal channels.

Your Responsibility

When an applicant works with an independent processing company, he/she will bear some responsibility. All the government application standards must be completed in addition to completion of all the forms required by the service company. The government application forms can either be obtained from the governmental site or that of the company. Just like the government, the company issues a set of instructions in regard to form completion.

Passport Photos

To get a new document, you will need two photographs taken recently and in accordance to the required measurements. The measurements will be 2x2 inches and should be taken in full color from a frontal view. All instructions in regard to this should be closely followed to avoid rejection of your application. It is advisable to have the photographs taken by a professional.

Submission

Once all the above requirements have been put in place, it will be important to now prepare for sending the documents. Put all the application forms and the required support identification documents together and send them to the company via a mailing service provider. The courier agency you choose must allow for tracking of the documents.

Return Old Passport

When replacing your passport, the old one should be returned together with the renewal paperwork. The old document is then canceled by the government and given back to the holder. Once this document is canceled, it is not invalid for use but can be retained with the holder's records.

If you find the [U S passports](#) you previously reports and lost or stolen, you must immediately take to the government agency so they are render it invalid. This is an important step, as cancellation will prevent someone from using your old passport for unlawful purposes. Considering the procedures in this article can help you understand the [passport replacement](#) process that you now know is not as complex as you may have previously thought.

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