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# **How To Obtain An American Passport Effortlessly**

A passport is a very important travel document. This document allows travel from one country to another, and then re-entry back into the country of origin. This is why having a passport is important. Many resources explain how to obtain a passport. It is easier than most think, as long as all the requirements are met and the application is filled out properly. Getting a passport is the first step in planning foreign travel.

## Requirements

Due to the importance of this document, there are many requirements in order to obtain a passport. These stipulations include documentation regarding citizenship, proper identification, as well as passport photos. These along with related fees will start the passport process.

## Application Form

The first step is obtaining the application form. Forms can be located at any passport application office as well as online. Be sure to fill the document out carefully avoiding errors. This form is normally referred to as the DS-11 Form. When applying in person it is important to have this document with you.

## Photographs

In addition to properly filling out documentation, it is important to bring the proper photos. The pictures need to meet certain requirements. Be sure to check these requirements before submitting photos. They are to be taken while you're in casual clothing and within the last 6 months. There must be 2 identical photos.

## Identification

Because a US passport is used as identification as a United States citizen, proving that you are, in fact, a citizen is a very crucial aspect to the application process. Applications require documentation stating birth of origin, such as a birth certificate. It must be an official copy and not a photo copy. If you are not in possession of an original, be sure to apply for that in time to submit it with your passport application.

## Name Consistency

All documentation provided for the passport application must contain the same name. Many people go by perhaps their middle name, or their maiden name, when their identification states something else. Because a passport is an official document it must contain your legal name. Therefore all supporting identifying documents must contain your legal name.

## Fees

There are fees that are associated with the application for a passport. These fees vary between agencies and can vary considerably depending upon a private agency or a federal agency. If a passport is needed quickly there may be additional fees to guarantee it on time. There also may be addition fees for a child's passport.

Today the internet makes applying for a passport much easier than in the past. There are many resources explaining [how to obtain a U.S. passport](#). Often these resources will allow you to apply for a passport via their site. In addition to getting a new passport, other services are available. These services include passport renewal, [adding U S passport pages](#), and even passport name changes. Whether applying online or in person as long as all documentation is filled out properly and supporting required documentation is all in order a passport should be well on its way.

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