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There are several ways that you can go about replacing a lost US passport. The application can be done online or in person. You can also download the DS-11 form and mail it in with the required supporting documents. The quickest and easiest way is to make use of an expediting company.

Report Loss

You can report a lost US passport by calling the Department of State. It is also possible to include a DS-64 form when you send in your application or apply in person. There is no way that it can be validated again once it is reported lost so if you find it, you should send it in.

If In A Foreign Country

If you happen to be traveling at the time, you should contact the local US embassy or consulate. Because all passports are printed in America and then posted abroad, they will not be able to expedite the process. If you are not able to wait, they will be able to issue you with a temporary passport.

Expediting

You can also apply via an expediting company if you are in another country. This can be done though their website and they are still able to complete the process much more quickly. It will still take slightly more time than with a standard application because of the increased distance of shipping. If you do have time to wait for a full passport, you could still apply with the assistance of the consulate or embassy. Although the same forms and documents are required there will be a different application process in different countries.

Replacement In The U.S.

If you apply to the Department of State in America, it is possible to have the process expedited. This can be done in person at a passport agency or any other official agent such as the Post Office. This application has to be done on a DS-82 form. It will still only halve the time that it would normally take and could be delivered within 2 to 3 weeks.

24-Hour Service

Passport expediting companies will offer a range of different packages depending on how soon you need it. They could even have it done within 24 hours but it ranges from a few days to a week or two. Delivery with 24 hours is only available if you have made a booking.

Documents

However you choose to apply, there will be a number of documents that you need. You will need to supply the originals and copies. If you are applying by mail the original documents will be returned to you by mail so it is best to choose the tracking option. You should also use sturdy, weatherproof envelopes.

The documents that you require for a [lost passport](#) or a [damaged US pasport](#) are the application form and a statement confirming that you have lost it. You will also need to submit proof of citizenship and some form of identification such as a birth certificate or government ID. Two photos that conform to certain requirements are also needed and in rush cases, proof of your intent to travel.

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