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Individuals who need passport replacement due to loss, theft, or expiration may find themselves waiting for up to eight weeks to receive a new passport. The government's standard processing time for passports ranges from six to eight weeks. This may present problems for people with immediate travel plans.

There are online companies that specialize in passport renewal and they offer shorter processing times than the government. These companies provide several time windows of processing for the passport holder to select. These usually range from about ten days down to 24 hours in order to accommodate travelers with varying levels of urgency. These companies do charge a fee for their services and it usually ranges from about \$150 to \$300 depending on processing time selected. This fee is in addition to the government's standard processing charges, so overnight processing will be quite costly.

These companies are well-versed in operating within the governmental requirements for passport processing. They are able to expedite the processing times due to the relationships they have established with the relevant government agency. The quickest an individual would be able to receive a new passport is within about four weeks. These companies are able to do it much quicker.

Processing companies post all of the required forms and instructions on their Web sites. The applicant should read the instructions carefully because anything done incorrectly will result in a processing delay. There are instructions regarding how to correctly complete the passport application as well as what is considered acceptable identification to prove citizenship and identity.

The new passport will require new photographs that fit the passport photo requirements. Two identical photographs measuring 2x2 inches and taken in full color from a frontal view will be adequate. However, there are additional requirements regarding permitted attire and eyewear, so be sure to refer to the guidelines for details. The recommended method is to have a professional photographer take these photos.

Once the paperwork has been gathered and all the necessary items copied, the next step will be to send everything in to the service provider. These papers should be shipped via a private courier service such as FedEx or UPS. This ensures that the items can be tracked during shipping and that they will arrive in the shortest time possible.

When renewing a passport, the existing passport must be returned with the renewal paperwork. This passport will be canceled by the government and returned to the passport holder. The canceled passport will not be valid for use but it may be retained with the passport holder's records.

If the [US passport](#) needs replacement due to being lost or stolen, the holder should report the loss when it occurs. The government will note that the passport is not valid for use. If the lost passport is later recovered, the holder may return it to the government for cancellation. Whether lost, stolen, or expired, [US passport replacement](#) is relatively quick and easy, especially when an outside company is used to expedite processing.

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