

Renew Your Passport Now!

Passport Offices are expecting an increase
in passport renewals for 2016 and 2017



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If you have a United States passport expiring any time in 2016, the State Department has a message for you: Renew it now as a surge of 10-year passport renewals that were issued in 2006 and 2007 is expected.

Remember that 2007 was the year when the [Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative](#) went into effect...for the first time requiring passports for Americans returning by air from Mexico, Canada, the Caribbean and Bermuda.

State Department officials say another reason to renew soon is that many countries are now enforcing a requirement for at least six months' validity on a United States passport. (Your passport may be useless for travel if you have less than 6 months remaining)

Those seeking a passport for the first time must submit the application in person with a fee of \$135. Renewals will take about six weeks in 2016, up from four weeks last year.

