



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Changes in Passport Program – February 1, 2008

Passport Services would like to make all Designated Passport Application Acceptance Facilities aware of the upcoming changes to our Passport Program. Please place this notice in plain view of all Acceptance Agents.

The following changes are targeted for implementation on February 1, 2008:

1. New Passport Application Forms

Updated versions of the following forms will be distributed to Acceptance Facilities prior to February 1, 2008:

- DS-11, *Application for a U.S. Passport*
- DS-82, *Application for a U.S. Passport by Mail*
- DS-4085, *Application for Additional Visa Pages & Miscellaneous Passport Services*
- DS-5504, *Application for a U.S. Passport (Name Change, Data Correction, Limited Passport Replacement)*
- DS-3053, *Statement of Consent or Special Circumstances: Issuance of a Passport to a Minor Under Age 16*

New forms will also be available at travel.state.gov by February 1, 2008. Passport Services will advise Acceptance Facilities when it is time to discard the old forms.

2. New Passport Card

Customers will now have the option to apply for a Passport Book, a Passport Card, or Both on the new DS-11, DS-82 and DS-5504 forms. The Passport Card may only be used for land and sea travel between the United States and Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, and the Caribbean. The Passport Card will provide a less expensive, smaller, and more convenient alternative for those who travel to these destinations.

Further information regarding the Passport Card will be provided in the next edition of the Passport Acceptance Reference Guide (PARG) on CD that is targeted for February, 2008 distribution.

3. New Fees

Please be advised that the following fees will change on February 1, 2008:

- Execution Fee
- Passport Book/Card Fee (DS-11, *Application for a U.S. Passport*)
- Passport Book/Card Fee (DS-82, *Application for a U.S. Passport by Mail*)

Fee Charts are included with this Information Notice for your reference.

4. Two-Parent Consent Age Change (effective February 1, 2008)

- ✓ **New Requirement: Two parent consent required for minors under the age of 16**

Children under the age of 16, who apply for the Passport Card, must use the DS-11 Form and pay the \$25 Execution Fee even if they already have a fully valid Passport Book.

5. Status of WHTI (Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative) – Land & Sea Implementation

*** Please visit: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cbpmc/cbpmc_2223.html or www.dhs.gov for the most recent information ***