

How do we Apply for our Passports?

Obtaining a passport can take up to six weeks, so you will want to begin the process well in advance of your travel dates. Many countries require travel visas in addition to a passport, which can take a couple of weeks to process. Since a passport is needed before applying for a visa, you can see that it is essential to begin the process with lots of time to spare. Following are the items you will need to obtain a passport.

1. **A Passport Application.** This can be obtained at your local courthouse or at some US Post offices.
2. **Proof of Citizenship.** This can be a birth certificate with the official raised seal or a certified copy. If you don't have either of these, you will need to get a birth certificate application from your local courthouse. Be aware that obtaining a birth certificate could take three weeks or more. Depending on your circumstances, this process can be expedited with the use of a fax machine and next-day mail (at additional cost, of course).
3. **Proof of Identity.** This can be a driver's license or an accompanying parent.
4. **Two Passport Photographs.** The photos must be 2" x2" in size. Most professional photographers can take passport photos for you.
5. **Go to Government Offices.** Take the above-mentioned items along with the required fee (usually around \$55.00) to the main office or the Clerk of Courts Office in the courthouse or to a U.S. Post Office. It can take up to six weeks to get a passport by mail.



**"Prayer needs no passport, visa or work permit.
There is no such thing as a 'closed country' as far as prayer is concerned...
Much of the history of mission could be written in terms of
God moving in response to persistent prayer."**

-Stephen Gaukroger