
U.S. PASSPORT CARD

The passport card facilitates entry and expedites document processing at U.S. land and seaports-of-entry when arriving from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Bermuda. **The card may not be used to travel by air.** Otherwise, it carries the rights and privileges of the U.S. passport book and is adjudicated to the exact same standards.

The U.S. State Department began production of the U.S. Passport Card on July 14, 2008, in response to the needs of border resident communities for a less expensive and more portable alternative to the traditional passport book. The card has the same period of validity as a passport book: 10 years for an adult, five for children 15 and younger.

Note: A previous passport book holder, eligible to use Form DS-82, may apply for a passport card as a Renewal. First time applicants for a U.S. Passport, and those not eligible to use the DS-82, should apply for a passport card using Form DS-11.

To find out more information on Passport Cards, including the required application fees, please visit the State Department's website: travel.state.gov

