

Passport Validity INTO U.S.

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9 FAM 403.9-3(B)(2) (U) Countries That Extend Passport Validity for an Additional Six Months After Expiration

(CT:VISA-745; 02-14-2019)

- a. **(U)** Some countries have agreements or arrangements with the United States whereby their passports are recognized as valid for return to the country concerned for a period of six months beyond the expiration date specified in the passport. The effect of these agreements or arrangements is to extend the period of validity of the passport for six months beyond the expiration date appearing on the face of the document, for the purposes of INA 212(a)(7)(B)(i)(I).
- b. **(U)** As passports issued by the countries listed in paragraph f below meet the requirements of INA 212(a)(7)(B)(i)(I) until the date shown for expiration, the consular officer could issue a visa at any time prior to that date. However, such action might not be practical when only a very narrow margin of time remains.
- c. **(U)** The consular officer should inform the visa recipient that admission into the United States will not be granted by the immigration authorities for a period extending beyond the actual expiration date shown in the passport, and that the alien's stay in the United States cannot be extended beyond that date until an extension of the validity of the passport has been obtained.
- d. **(U)** The consular officer must not issue a visa on the basis of an expired passport unless the applicant is able to present to the consular officer collateral documentation, which together with the expired passport, meets the requirements of INA 101(a)(30) and INA 212(a)(7)(B)(i)(I).
- e. **(U) Diplomatic Discussions Regarding Extended Passport Validity:** If you are posted in a country that does not extend passport validity for 6 months beyond the expiration date on the passport and you are interested in beginning discussions with the host country, you should contact CA/VO/L/R prior to beginning discussions.
- f. **(U) Countries That Extend Passport Validity for an Additional Six Months After Expiration:**

Andorra	Angola	Antigua and Barbuda
Antilles	Argentina	Armenia
Aruba	Australia	Austria
Bahamas, The	Barbados	Belgium
Belize	Bermuda	Bolivia
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Brazil	Bulgaria*
Burma	Canada	Chile
Colombia	Costa Rica	Cote D'Ivoire
Croatia*	Cyprus	Czech Republic
Denmark	Dominica (DOMN)	Dominican Republic
Egypt	El Salvador	Estonia
Ethiopia	Federated States of Micronesia	Fiji

Finland	France	Gabon
Georgia	Germany	Greece
Grenada	Guatemala	Guinea
Guyana	Haiti	Holy See (Vatican City)
Hong Kong	Hungary	Iceland
India	Indonesia	Ireland
Israel	Italy	Jamaica
Japan	Kosovo*	Latvia
Lebanon	Libya	Liechtenstein
Lithuania	Luxembourg	Macau
North Macedonia	Madagascar	Malaysia
Maldives	Malta	Mauritania
Mauritius	Mexico	Monaco
Mongolia	Montenegro	Mozambique
Nepal	Netherlands	New Zealand
Nicaragua	Nigeria (NRA)	Norway
Pakistan	Palau	Panama
Papua New Guinea (PNG)	Paraguay*	Peru
Philippines	Poland	Portugal
Qatar	Romania	Russia
San Marino	Saudi Arabia*	Serbia
Seychelles	Singapore**	Slovakia
Slovenia	South Africa	South Korea
Spain	Sri Lanka	St. Kitts and Nevis
St. Lucia	St. Vincent and The Grenadines	Suriname
Sweden	Switzerland	Taiwan
Thailand	Trinidad and Tobago	Tunisia
Turkey	Tuvalu	Ukraine

United Arab Emirates	United Kingdom	Uruguay*
Uzbekistan	Venezuela	Zimbabwe

(U) * These countries extend passport validity reciprocity to U.S. citizens.

(U) ** Extension of passport validity reciprocity to U.S. citizens does not apply to U.S. citizens entering Singapore; it only applies to U.S. citizens already in the country. Singapore will allow a U.S. citizen, already in Singapore, who holds a U.S. passport, which has expired within the six (6) months period beyond the expiry date, to return to the United States. This is on the assumption that the bearer of the passport is still a U.S. citizen.

9 FAM 403.9-3(B)(3) (U) Passport Validity Insufficient to Cover U.S. Visit

(CT:VISA-568; 04-06-2018)

(U) If an applicant presents a passport valid for more than six months but not sufficient to permit admission for the entire period of stay contemplated, the consular officer should urge the applicant to have the passport extended, renewed, or replaced before visa issuance. In the event that this is not feasible until after the alien's arrival in the United States, the officer may issue the visa. The officer should then advise the applicant that the initial period of stay will be limited because of the limited validity of the passport. The consular officer should also explain the procedures for seeking an extension of stay from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Except for aliens covered by the provisions of [9 FAM 403.9-3\(B\)\(2\)](#) above, the passport must be valid for more than six months, since an alien presenting a passport valid for six months or less would be inadmissible at a port of entry (POE).

9 FAM 403.9-3(B)(4) (U) Visa Valid in Expired Passport

(CT:VISA-568; 04-06-2018)

- a. **(U)** When a passport containing a valid visa expires, the expiration of the passport has no effect on the validity of that visa. The holder, however, should be informed, at the time of application for admission, of the need for a new or renewed passport.
- b. **(U)** The passport should be valid for a minimum period of 6 months from the expiration date of the initial period of admission or contemplated period of stay in the United States. The passport may be either the one in which the visa stamp has been placed, or a new passport. Thus, an alien can present two passports; one which fulfills the visa requirement and the other the passport requirement. The alien's nationality, as indicated in the new passport, must be the same as that shown in the passport bearing the visa foil.