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When an individual decides to become a world traveler, he may be more interested in where he is going than how to get there. If inexperienced with international travel, it is easy to be ignorant of the documents required to enter and leave the country. In such a situation, the traveler may already have a departure date when he realizes that he must acquire an [next day passport](#) before leaving home.

If your old passport that was issued at least 15 years ago or you have never had one, the application process is very specific. After completing the application form and securing all of the necessary documents that go with it, you must apply in person. This appearance takes place at what is called an acceptance facility, which is normally located at your local post office or in a local government office. The types of documents that are filed in support of your application are all specified on the website of the passport agency. To ensure that your application can be accepted on your first visit, make sure you understand the pertinent requirements.

If the individual already has a passport, but it is going to expire within approximately six months, it might be necessary to renew it prior to traveling. Depending on the country to be visited, there could be a requirement that the travelers documents be valid for a period of three to six months beyond the expected departure date. In this situation, the renewal application can be completed through the mail, as the individual already has an established record on file with the issuing agency.

Whether you need a new or renewal [urgent USA passport](#), when time is short before departure it is important to know what your options are for getting your documents fast. There are two vastly different ways in which you can speed the application when dealing with the issuing agency. You can also hire a private company to work for you. There are companies that have representatives at the ready to assist travelers in this function.

The first option is the simplest. When you submit your application, whether in person or by mail, you can pay an extra fee of \$60 to the agency and request faster service. This will allow your application to take precedence over others, and can cut the wait time for receipt of your document by half. Normal processing times are published on the agency's website, allowing you to check if this option will meet your travel needs.

Sometimes when dealing with a passport agency, you may find that your departure date is sooner than the time it takes to get priority service. If this happens, you can ask for an appointment to visit a Regional Agency Office, where you directly hand your application and documents to the agent, pay all fees, including the extra \$60, and prove that you indeed have a departure date that is very near. In this case you can receive your documents more quickly. This option is not always easily available for some travelers since these regional offices are geographically based and there might not be one very close to where you live.

If you have ruled out doing it yourself through the issuing agency, the next option to consider is hiring a company to act as your agent in this matter. The specialty of these companies is fast acquisition of travel documents for their clients. Some promote themselves as being able to get your documents in a range of one day to two weeks. As you can imagine, the more immediate your need, the higher your fee to the company will be. Please keep in mind that using one of these expediting services will not free you from the responsibility of completing the application and all other paperwork that must be submitted. The only part that changes is that you present your documents to this company and they act as your agent in walking them through to completion.

As it turns out, this new world traveler doesn't have to worry about getting an [priority passport](#). With the options now available it can be accomplished quickly enough that it will not get in the way of most any planned departure date. The key is learning the options and deciding which one satisfies the conditions of the situation most effectively.

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