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U.S. Passport Card Online Application Now Available

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On January 24, the Department of State's Office of Passport Services will launch a 90-day pilot program allowing adult U.S. citizens living in the United States and Canada to apply for a passport card online. By applying online, customers will not be required to mail in their current passport book and necessary forms, saving them time and money.

To participate in this program, applicants must currently possess a valid 10-year U.S. passport book, upload an [acceptable digital photograph](#) and make an online payment in U.S. dollars via [Pay.gov](#). Applications accepted through the program will be subject to the same strict adjudication standards as in-person or mail-in applications.

This pilot program is the Department's signature initiative under Presidential Executive Order 13571 to simplify customer service interactions and streamline related processes, making them more efficient.

The Department of State began producing the passport card in 2008 in response to travel document requirements imposed by the [Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative](#). Since then, more than 4.5 million cards have been issued. The wallet-sized passport card is a low-cost alternative to the passport book. The U.S. passport card costs \$30 for current passport book holders, and is valid for land and sea travel to and from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Bermuda. It is not valid for international air travel.

To apply for the passport card using the online application, visit [travel.state.gov](#).

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