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Travel of U.S. Citizens with Expired Passports

- As of May 21, 2021, U.S. citizens will be able to use their expired U.S. passports to return to the United States through December 31, 2021.
- U.S. citizens who are overseas whose passport expired on or after January 1, 2020, may be able to use their expired U.S. passport for direct return travel to the United States until December 31, 2021.
- Expired passports cannot be used to travel from the United States to an international destination or to travel to a foreign country for any length of stay longer than an airport connection in route to the United States or to a United States territory.
- Travelers qualify for this exception if all the following are true:
 - They are a U.S. citizen.
 - They are currently abroad seeking to return to the United States.
 - They are flying directly to the United States, a United States territory, or have only short-term transit (connecting flight) through a foreign country on their return to the United States or to a United States territory.
 - Their expired passport was originally valid for 10 years. Or, if they were 15 years of age or under when the passport was issued, their expired passport was originally valid for 5 years.
 - Their expired passport is undamaged and in their possession.
- Any questions concerning the scope or implementation of this guidance, including the authorization for U.S. citizen to board an aircraft, should be directed to the appropriate Regional Carrier Liaison Group (RCLG) or other designated CBP official for adjudication prior to aircraft departure.