

Sex Marker in Passports

The White House issued Executive Order "Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government" on January 20, 2025.

Under the executive order, we will no longer issue U.S. passports or Consular Reports of Birth Abroad (CRBAs) with an X marker. We will only issue passports with an M or F sex marker that match the customer's biological sex at birth.

If you submit a passport application requesting an X marker or requesting a sex marker that differs from the sex marker at your birth, you may experience delays getting your passport. You may receive a letter or email requesting more information. We will issue you a new passport that matches your biological sex at birth, based on your supporting documents and our records about your previous passports.

- All passports - including those with an X marker or those listing a sex different from your sex at birth - will remain valid for travel until their expiration date, under International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) policy.
- Use our [online form filler](#) to fill out and print a passport form which lists "Sex." You may use all forms available on our site, including ones that expired before 2025. We are currently working to update our forms and will post the new versions as soon as they are available.

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Frequently asked questions

Is my passport still valid if I have an X marker on it, or if it lists a sex other than my sex at birth?



Yes. Your passport will remain valid until its expiration date.



Can I travel outside of the United States using a passport with an X marker, or using a passport that lists a sex other than my sex at birth?



Yes. U.S. passports are proof of U.S. citizenship and identity and can be used for entry into the United States. Please refer to U.S. Customs and Border Protection if you have questions about returning to the United States with your travel document.

As long as your current passport has not expired, there are no restrictions to use the passport, unless [another country](#) has limitations.

How do I replace my passport?



If your passport currently lists a sex other than your sex at birth, you may apply to replace your passport with a new one.

If the passport was issued less than one year ago, you may replace it by mail using [Form DS-5504](#). You will need a [new photo](#) if the passport was issued more than 6 months prior. You will not have to pay passport fees unless you are requesting the \$60 expedited service.

If the passport was issued more than one year ago, you will need to apply in person using [Form DS-11](#). You will need to pay all passport fees.

My birth documentation does not have any information about sex on it. What should I do?



You can still apply for a passport or to replace your passport. If we need more information from you, we will contact you after you apply. We will request that you submit certain documents and records to help us establish your biological sex for your new passport.

I have urgent travel. How do I get a passport?



We will issue a new passport to you that matches your biological sex at birth. If you are traveling in the next 2-3 weeks, please [make an appointment](#) at a passport agency or center.

You printed the wrong sex on my passport by mistake. What should I do?



You can correct your passport if there is a data or printing error. A data error may include an issue with your name, sex, or place of birth. A printing error may include data is missing on the biographical page, discoloration, or crooked printing. We will correct the error at no charge if the passport is still valid. Please follow the steps on our [Change or Correct a Passport page](#).

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