

PLANNING & ADVICE: Documentation

New Passport Requirements

Very important! Please read the following information regarding changes to passport requirements. These changes impact US Citizens and non-US Citizens. For more information, please see the U.S. State Department website (http://www.travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html) for passport information. *Expired passports are not acceptable.*

ALL TRAVELERS ARE URGED TO CARRY A VALID PASSPORT. The Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI), once implemented, will require all travelers entering or re-entering the United States to be in possession of a valid passport, even when traveling from certain countries in the Western Hemisphere for which passports previously were not required. In addition, although passports are currently not yet required for some cruises, we strongly recommend that you carry one while traveling. The unforeseen possibility of a medical disembarkation or early cruise termination may require that you have a valid passport to enable you to continue travel.

Implementation of the WHTI is presently expected to be on the following schedule:

- December 31, 2006 - Valid passport required for all **air** or **sea** travel.
- December 31, 2007 - Valid passport required for all U.S. air, sea and land border crossings