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Renewing Your Passport: Did You Know?

Having a previous U.S. passport does not mean you are eligible to use the DS-82 Renewal-by-Mail form. If you want to renew your most recent passport by mail, you must be able to answer “Yes” to all four questions below.

1. Is your passport undamaged and can it be submitted with your renewal application?
2. Was your passport valid for 10 years from the date of issuance?
 - Passports issued for a period of time less than 10 years are not eligible to be renewed by mail. For example, passports for minors under 16 are only valid for five years.
3. Was your passport issued within the last 15 years?
4. Was your passport issued in your current name (must be exactly the same) or can you legally document your name change?

If you answered “No” to one of the questions listed above, you will need to apply in-person at a passport facility using Form DS-11.

Passport application forms and everything you need to know about applying for your passport are available on travel.state.gov.

