

PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Proof of citizenship is your responsibility. Failure to comply may result in denied boarding.

Proof of citizenship is required for all US Citizens when traveling outside of the continental US. Requirements may change, so contact your travel agent for the latest details. Married women using a passport or birth certificate in their maiden name must bring along a copy of their marriage certificate or risk being denied boarding. Be sure to carry with you one of the following when you check in at the airport:

- Valid US Passport, or
- Original state-issued birth certificate with an affixed or raised seal AND valid government issued photo ID (i.e. current driver's license)

A valid US Passport is the preferred document of citizenship since it speeds up immigration processing on your return to the United States.

If you are not a US Citizen, contact the consulate of the country to which you are traveling for current requirements.

A valid US Passport is the ONLY acceptable form of Proof of Citizenship when traveling to Costa Rica, Belize, Guadalupe, Barbados and Tobago. For Barbados, the passport must be valid for 6 months from the date of arrival. For Costa Rica, the passport must be valid for 90 days from the date of arrival.

REQUIREMENTS FOR MINORS

Minors 17 and under require an original state-issued birth certificate with an affixed or raised seal or a valid passport. Anyone traveling who has not reached 18 on their departure day will be denied boarding if not accompanied by an adult. Additional requirements apply for minors traveling to Aruba, Dominican Republic and Mexico.

REQUIREMENTS FOR MINORS TRAVELING TO MEXICO

Mexico law requires that minors under 18 on the day of departure traveling without both parents have a notarized letter from the non-accompanying parent giving consent for the child to leave the country. If traveling without either parent, a notarized letter from both parents is required. If one parent is deceased, a copy of the death certificate is necessary. If the child's last name is different from the last name of the accompanying parent(s), proof of parentage is required. Parents name changes must be documented (i.e. marriage certificate).

REQUIREMENTS FOR MINORS TRAVELING TO ARUBA

If traveling with a guardian other than parent, a notarized letter in triplicate from both parents authorizing travel, and a photo ID is also required. Moreover, the letter should state the name of the person with whom the child is traveling. A letter is not required if traveling with one parent. If the child's last name is different from the last name of the accompanying parent(s), proof of parentage is required. Parents name changes must be documented (i.e. marriage certificate).

REQUIREMENTS FOR MINORS TRAVELING TO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

As of April of 2005, Dominican Republic law requires that children under 18, traveling with an adult or guardian other than their parent, must present written authorization from the parent(s), on the day of departure.

This authorization must state that the parent(s) have given consent for the child to leave the country. The letter must be written in Spanish and notarized at a Dominican Consulate in the United States. If the child is traveling with only one parent, the letter is not necessary. In addition, Dominican immigration authorities have recently begun restricting the ability of children to depart the country with only a birth certificate, especially when those children are American citizens of Dominican heritage. Because of this policy, the Embassy strongly urges that children who normally reside in the United States obtain a passport in the U.S. before traveling to the Dominican Republic.

If the child's last name differs from the last name of the accompanying parent(s), proof of parentage is required. Parent's name change must be documented (i.e. marriage certificate). If the minor is 14-17 on the day of departure, they must hold either a valid passport or a valid, official photo ID along with their birth certificate. Anyone under 18 on the day of departure will be denied boarding if not accompanied by an adult 18 years or older.