

7 FAM 1300 APPENDIX F PASSPORT AMENDMENTS

*(CT:CON-287; 03-18-2009)
(Office of Origin: CA/OCS/PRI)*

7 FAM 1310 APPENDIX F SUMMARY

(CT:CON-287; 03-18-2009)

- a. Passports cannot be amended to change items appearing on the biographical data page. This change became effective September 26, 2005.
- b. Eliminating such amendments improves passport security by having current personal information on the passport data page. Further, the passport data page and the electronic chip contained in the passport will always contain the same information.
- c. A passport applicant who wants to have his/her passport changed to reflect a name change may receive a free replacement passport if applied for within one year from the date of the original passport issuance. For specific guidance, (see 7 FAM 1340 Examination and Adjudication of Passport Applications (under development) and 7 FAM 1300 Appendix C Names to be Used in Passports.)
- d. A qualified passport applicant who wants to exchange his/her limited validity emergency passport may receive a free replacement passport if he/she provides acceptable requested documentation, and he/she applies within one year from the date of the original passport issuance. (See 7 FAM 1340 (under development), 7 FAM 1360 Overseas Passport Issuance and 7 FAM 1370 Lost, Stolen, Damaged, Mutilated and Found Passports for specific guidance).
- e. A passport applicant who wants to have biographical data corrected in his/her passport (due to Department error) may receive a free replacement passport with corrected data at any time. (See 7 FAM 1300 Appendix W Rewrites, Reissues, Re-files and Replacements (under development) for specific guidance.)
- f. Additional visa pages may still be attached to existing passports by passport agencies/centers and U.S. embassies/consulates abroad. (See 7 FAM 1300 Appendix V Additional Visa Pages for specific guidance.)
- g. Second fee passports may be issued to qualified applicants in very limited and specific circumstances. Second fee passports are generally limited to

two-years in validity, and cannot be extended. (See 7 FAM 1300 Appendix R Possession of More than One Passport for specific guidance.)

7 FAM 1320 APPENDIX F ENDORSEMENTS THAT CAN BE ADDED TO PASSPORTS

(CT:CON-287; 03-18-2009)

- a. Endorsements not affecting the information on the biographical data page of the passport may still be added to a passport.
- b. Generally, these endorsements will describe the applicant's new diplomatic or official assignment and will be entered into no-fee, diplomatic or official passports. (See 7 FAM 1390 Diplomatic, Official and No Fee Regular Passports.)
- c. Endorsements used to validate a passport for travel to a restricted area may also be added to a passport. (See 22 CFR 51.63, 22 CFR 51.64 and 7 FAM 1380 Passport Limitation, Restriction, Revocation, Denial and Surrender.)
- d. 7 FAM 1300 Appendix B Endorsement Codes contains a list of all the current endorsements. These endorsements have been programmed into Travel Document Issuance System (TDIS) and American Citizen Services (ACS) systems.

7 FAM 1330 APPENDIX F EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF A PASSPORT IN EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES

(CT:CON-287; 03-18-2009)

- a. There may be very rare, extraordinary situations in which it may be impossible or inadvisable to issue an applicant a new passport. Such cases may occur because of a crisis situation, or when the inability to extend an expired passport would have national security or foreign policy ramifications.
- b. In such extraordinary situations, and for the convenience of the U.S. Government, the validity period of an expired passport may be extended, at the discretion of the Bureau of Consular Affairs (CA) senior management, such as the Managing Director or Deputy Assistant Secretary of CA/OCS.
- c. During a crisis, Department (CA) authorization may be provided to posts abroad by their Directorate of Overseas Citizens Services, Office of

American Citizen Services and Crisis Management (CA/OCS/ACS) liaison officer or via Department taskforce.

- d. Use Endorsement Code 107. (See 7 FAM 1300 Appendix B Endorsement Codes.)

Endorsement Code 107:

“THIS PASSPORT WAS AMENDED UNDER 22 CFR 51.32 AND WILL EXPIRE ON (mon day, year). IT CANNOT BE EXTENDED.”

- e. In most of these cases, the extended validity period will be limited to the minimum length of time needed for the bearer to return to the United States.