

# **Advance Passenger Information System (APIS) Document Submission Requirements for Arrival Into and Departure From the United States of America**

The APIS Final Rule (AFR), 70 Fed. Reg. 17820 (April 7, 2005), requires electronic passenger manifest submissions from all commercial air and sea carriers. The AFR defines the data required within a carrier's electronic arrival and departure passenger manifests. Among other data elements such as name and date of birth, certain document submission requirements apply to travelers arriving in or departing from the United States.

The APIS documentation submission requirements for travelers arriving in or departing from the United States by air generally depend on the nationality of the traveler and whether or not the traveler is traveling between the United States and a country (other than Cuba) within the Western Hemisphere. The following is an overview of the current APIS documentation submission requirements for foreign nationals, U.S. Lawful Permanent Residents, and citizens of the United States, Canada, British Overseas Territory of Bermuda, and Mexico who enter or depart the United States at air ports-of-entry.

## **U.S. Citizens**

U.S. citizens must possess a valid U.S. passport to depart from or enter the United States. This passport requirement does not apply to U.S. citizens who depart to or enter the United States from within the Western Hemisphere other than from Cuba. Accordingly, U.S. citizens are not required to present a valid passport when entering the United States by air from within the Western Hemisphere other than Cuba. The AFR requires passport data for U.S. citizens, when applicable, to be included within applicable electronic arrival and departure manifest submissions.

## **U.S. Lawful Permanent Residents**

Lawful Permanent Residents of the United States must present a valid passport or Lawful Permanent Resident card (I-551) to depart from or enter the United States. The AFR requires this data to be included within applicable electronic arrival and departure manifest submissions.

## **Nonimmigrant Aliens**

Nonimmigrant aliens arriving in the United States must present a valid unexpired passport issued by his or her country of citizenship and, if required, a valid unexpired visa issued by a United States embassy or consulate abroad. Foreign nationals must possess a valid passport to depart from or enter the United States. The AFR requires passport data to be included within applicable electronic arrival and departure manifest submissions.

## **Nonimmigrant Aliens from Canada and Bermuda**

Nonimmigrant aliens arriving in the United States must present a valid unexpired passport issued by his or her country of citizenship and, if required, a valid unexpired visa issued by a United States embassy or consulate abroad. Foreign nationals must possess a valid passport to depart from or enter the United States. In most cases, Canadian citizens and citizens of the British Overseas Territory of Bermuda (Bermuda) are not required to present a valid passport and visa when entering the United States as nonimmigrant visitors from countries in the Western Hemisphere. The AFR requires passport data for nonimmigrant aliens from Canada and Bermuda, when applicable, to be included within applicable electronic arrival and departure manifest submissions.

## **Nonimmigrant Aliens from Mexico\***

Nonimmigrant aliens arriving in the United States must present a valid unexpired passport issued by his or her country of citizenship and, if required, a valid unexpired visa issued by a United States embassy or consulate abroad. Foreign nationals must possess a valid passport to depart from or enter the United States. In most cases, citizens of Mexico are generally required to present a valid unexpired passport and visa when entering the United States. However, Mexican citizens arriving in the United States may present a Form DSP-150, B-1/B-2 Visa and Border Crossing Card (BCC) for admission when traveling as temporary visitors from contiguous territory. The AFR requires applicable travel document data for citizens of Mexico to be included within applicable electronic arrival and departure manifest submissions.

### **Documents Required for APIS Submission and Compliance**

	<b>Arriving From or Departing to the Western Hemisphere (except Cuba)</b>	<b>Arriving From or Departing to Countries Outside the Western Hemisphere</b>
<b>U.S. Citizens</b>	Currently None, <b>effective January 23, 2007</b> a Valid U.S. Passport is required or a NEXUS Air Card or Merchant Mariner Document (MMD)	Valid U.S. Passport
<b>Nonimmigrant Aliens (from other than British Overseas Territory of Bermuda, Canada, or Mexico)</b>	Valid Passport	Valid Passport
<b>Lawful Permanent Residents</b>	Valid Passport or Lawful Permanent Resident Card I-551	Valid Passport or Alien Registration Card or Lawful Permanent Resident Card I-551
<b>Nonimmigrant Aliens from the British Overseas Territory of Bermuda</b>	Currently None, <b>effective January 23, 2007</b> a Valid Passport is required	Valid Passport
<b>Nonimmigrant Aliens from Canada</b>	Currently None, <b>effective January 23, 2007</b> a Valid Passport is required	Valid Passport
<b>Nonimmigrant Aliens from Mexico</b>	Valid Passport*, effective January 23, 2007, Mexican nationals in possession of a BCC without a valid passport will no longer be admitted at air ports of entry.	Valid Passport