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American Citizens eNewsletter

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AMERICAN CITIZEN SERVICES APPOINTMENT SYSTEM

In order to provide more efficient service for non-emergency American citizen services, the Consular Section will use an online appointment system beginning December 1st. The system can be accessed at the Embassy's website at maputo.usembassy.gov under the "U.S. Citizen Services" tab.

The online appointment system will have a number of appointments available for various services at different times during the day, including afternoons. We hope the appointment system will decrease wait times and provide more convenient options to obtain services.

In an emergency, please call 21 49 2797 x3439 or 21 49 0723 after hours.

THE PASSPORT APPLICATION WIZARD

When applying for a passport, the Consular Section recommends all applicants visit the online Passport Application Wizard at <https://pptform.state.gov>. The Wizard will help you determine which form you need, help you complete the form online, estimate your payment, and generate the form for you to print and submit to the Consular Section.

Also, if your passport is ever lost or stolen, you can use the Wizard to print a Statement Regarding Lost or Stolen Passport (DS-64). And if you are applying for a minor's passport and both parents cannot sign the application, you can use the Wizard to print a Statement of Consent (DS-3053).

The combination of the online appointment system and the passport wizard should significantly decrease your wait time at the Consular Section.

APPLYING FOR A NEW PASSPORT OR EXTRA PAGES BY MAIL

If you don't live in Maputo and can't visit the Embassy, you may be able to apply for a new passport or extra passport pages by mail. Adults who have a valid U.S. passport in their possession may complete the forms online and send the form, photos, fee and their current passport to the Consular Section via a courier service such as FedEx, DHL or SkyNet. The Consular Section accepts applications for extra pages for children by mail as well. All applicants for Consular Reports of Birth Abroad, replacements for lost or stolen passports, and children's passports still must appear in person at the Consular Section. Likewise, notarial services can only be provided in person by a consular officer.

It will take approximately two weeks for a new passport and two business days to add extra pages. For more information, and to verify whether you can submit your application by mail, please email us at consularmaputo@state.gov.

EMBASSY CLOSURES

The Consular Section will be closed **Thursday, December 25th** for Christmas Day / Mozambican Family Day and **Thursday, January 1st** for New Year's Day.

Happy Holidays!



RESSANO GARCIA HOLIDAY HOURS

The Ressano Garcia border between Mozambique and South Africa is open 24 hours from Friday, November 28 through Thursday, January 15.



CHRISTMAS CHORAL CONCERT

The International Club of Maputo is hosting a concert with Maputo's Majescoral performing Christmas classics in English, Portuguese and Shangaan Sunday, December 14th, 4:30 p.m., at Vila Verde, Matola.

Tickets cost 200 meticaís for adults and 50 for children and include holiday refreshments. Contact icm_maputo@hotmail.com or call 82 396 1635 or 82 301 9080.

All proceeds will benefit the ICM and its charities. For more on the ICM, please visit www.icmmaputo.org.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

If you have not registered online at <https://travelregistration.state.gov>, please register as soon as possible. The online registration system allows you to update your contact information at your convenience and to delete your registration if you leave Mozambique.



EXTRA PASSPORT PAGES

If your full-validity U.S. passport has not expired, but has no blank pages left for visas or entry/exit stamps, we can add additional pages for you free of charge. You need to make an appointment on the Embassy's website at maputo.usembassy.gov or you can submit your passport and form DS-4055 available at the same website by mail.

In this region it is very important to always have a few blank passport pages as a Los Angeles Times article points out: <http://travel.latimes.com/articles/la-tr-spot9mar09>.

WORLD AIDS DAY—DECEMBER 1ST

The U.S. Mission in Mozambique will commemorate World AIDS Day (December 1st) with events throughout the week. Our highlights for 2008 include a large-scale healthy living fair for all of our staff; the closing of a one-year national radio program on Radio Moçambique called “Ola Vida;” and the opening of a new Center for Integrated Treatment and Care inside the Military Hospital of Maputo. The U.S. Department of Defense financed the Center for Integrated Treatment and Care with funds from the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) through CDC and its partner Columbia University.



December 2008 also marks the close of PEPFAR Phase I. Earlier this year, President Bush authorized an additional \$30 million for another five-year Phase II of the initiative. PEPFAR is the largest commitment by any nation for an international health initiative dedicated to a single disease in history.

Visit <http://www.pepfar.gov/pepfar/press/81612.htm> to learn more about PEPFAR in Mozambique.

DRIVING IN MOZAMBIQUE

You may drive in Mozambique for up to 90 days using a U.S. license. After 90 days you must exchange your U.S. license for a Mozambican driving permit or obtain an International Driving Permit (IDP). AAA is the only organization permitted to issue IDPs for U.S. license holders. You can obtain an IDPs from AAA by mail. To apply, print the application and mail the following items to AAA:

- Completed application form,
- Two original passport-sized photos,
- A \$15 fee, and
- A photocopy of your U.S. license

If you are applying from overseas, mail your completed application to:

AAA/IDP
1000 AAA Dr.
Heathrow, FL 32746
Attn: Mailstop #28

For more information and to download the application form, please visit http://www.aaasouth.com/travel_drivers.asp?nvbar=Travel:IntlDrivingPermit



