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TRAVEL PLANS?

If you plan to travel outside Mozambique in the next few months and need a new passport or extra visa pages, please make sure you apply early. We recommend you check the entry/exit and visa requirements for all countries prior to booking your trip. Many countries require that a traveler's passport have at least six (6) months validity beyond the dates of the planned trip. Airlines usually will not allow travelers to board if this requirement is not met, and immigration officers will deny entry to travelers at the port of entry in these countries if a traveler arrives without the required six months validity.

You can find this information under **Country Specific Information** at travel.state.gov.

If you need extra visa pages and don't live in Maputo, you can use a courier service to send us your passport and completed and signed application. Please email us first at consularmaputo.state.gov for more information.

If you are traveling outside Mozambique, don't forget to register your trip at travelregistration.state.gov.

EMBASSY CLOSURES AND CHANGES TO SERVICES

The Embassy will be closed **Thursday, June 25th** for Mozambican Independence Day and **Friday, July 3rd** for U.S. Independence Day.

Due to staffing issues, **the Consular Section will be closed for visa services from Monday, June 1st through Friday, June 12th.** Additional visa appointments are available beginning the 15th of June. Limited appointments will be available most days during this period for routine U.S. citizen services, such as passport applications and notarials. In the event of an emergency involving a U.S. citizen, please contact the Consular Section immediately at 21 49 2797 x3439 or 21 49 0723 during non business hours. Please remember that in case of an emergency, no matter what day or time, there is always someone available to assist you.

A NEW IRS WEB-SITE FOR AMERICANS OVERSEAS

The IRS has a brand spanking new website, chock full of goodies for overseas American taxpayers online at <http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/international/article/0,,id=97324,00.html>.

FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

The Federal Voting Assistance Program publishes the "Voting Information News" which is a roundup of voting news from the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP). FVAP's June 2009 issue can now be viewed on their website at <http://www.fvap.gov/resources/media/jun09vin.pdf>.



REGISTER YOUR GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN MOZAMBIQUE

The Embassy encourages all schools, business groups, churches, private companies, and other organizations with a nucleus of U.S. citizens to make sure that the Embassy has a point of contact for your group. If you have a group that will be in Mozambique for a fixed period of time, register them at travelregistration.state.gov, following the instructions under "New Organizational User."

ONLINE PASSPORT APPLICATION WIZARD

When applying for a passport or extra visa pages at the U.S. Embassy in Maputo, we recommend that all applicants utilize the online Passport Application Wizard (<https://pptform.state.gov>).

The Wizard will help you determine which form you need (Form DS-11, DS-82, DS-5504 or DS-4085), then assist you to complete the form online, estimate your payment, and generate the documents to print and submit.

Also, if your passport is ever lost or stolen, you can use the Wizard to print out a Statement Regarding Lost or Stolen Passport (Form DS-64). And if you are applying for a minor's passport and both parents are unable to sign the application together with the child at the Embassy, one of the parents may use the Wizard to print out a Statement of Consent (Form DS-3053), which must be notarized.



