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What is a person to do when they are expecting their baby and their vacation to arrive at times uncomfortably close, especially when your vacation requires a passport. Its certainly a good question to ask how to get a [passport for newborns](#) but planning ahead is the key to making this process a lot easier. The rules are pretty much the same with a few exceptions.

Since each country has their own rules and regulation, it is wise to investigate the rules that apply in the country you reside. The United States requires the presentation of an official birth certificate for the issuance of a newborn passport. The presentation of a birth announcement or some hospital paperwork will not suffice. While it can take a month or so to get your babys birth certificate if left to the tradition mail service, this process will go a lot quicker if a visit is paid to the courthouse located in the birth county.

A social security number, though asked for, is not necessary when completing a passport application for the newborn. A social security number can take months to get, so the government allows for parents to use eight 0s in place of a social security number. The time spent waiting on a social security number depends on how the child was delivered, for example, if it was delivered by means of a mid-wife or at a hospital. Passport processing and delivery can also be expedited, even without a social security number. While it may cost extra to get passports expedited, you may need to if your travel date is getting close.

Like adults, you will need to get newborn [passport photos. In these photos, the newborn cannot be wearing any head covering and both eyes must be open. At the airport, the custom agent will use the eye color and the hair color in order to distinguish this newborn from a similar looking one. Wherever youre taking your child to get his or her passport photos taken, be sure to phone in ahead of time. Sometimes special arrangements need to be made in order to accommodate a newborn.](#)

A childs passport, even if he or she is a newborn, is valid for up to five years. While the child may look drastically different in this amount of time, the passport remains valid. An adults passport, on the other hand, is valid for up to ten years. The reasoning behind this is simple. A growing childs looks change more frequently than an adult, so they have to update their passport photos more often than an adult would have to.

So if youre planning on traveling in the future, but your travel date is uncomfortably close with your delivery date, you dont need to panic. Simply preparing yourself and figuring out your countys policies can make a world of difference. Being prepared means you can make sure you get a [infant passport](#) and arrive at your destination safely and on time.

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