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There are times when a [rush U S passport](#) is really needed on the part of some people. This may be because theyve suddenly been tasked with traveling to some other country on business or because they have family and friends they urgently need to visit in another country. Whatever the reason may be, some people need them and, fortunately, theres usually a way to get them in a hurry.

The Internet has made it very easy, first of all, to make use of a passport processing and expediting service to handle the whole thing. They can even get one to a person the next day, as a matter of fact. Given that, its not surprising that more people than ever choose to go that route rather than to travel to one of the governments large processing centers, though many still do.

In this case, itll be necessary to head to one of the governments passport agencies or service centers. There are a number of them located in the bigger cities or regions around the country. For example, a large center exists in Chicago, Illinois. Other such centers can be found on either coast, with California hosting two of them (one each in San Francisco and Los Angeles).

All people in the eastern portion of the US usually go to one of several different centers, such as the one in Washington DC or the one in New York city. There are others located in Boston and Miami, as well. The State Department supplies a toll-free number at its website through which a passport applicant who needs one in a real hurry can make an appointment at these centers, by the way.

When it comes to fees, especially for [rush passport](#) that are going to be issued on extremely short notice or on the same day, payment of up to \$300 may be required. Theres an additional \$60 fee if any sort of background check on an old passport needs to be done. In addition, showing up with the right application and proof of citizenship and identity will be called for. Birth certificates work well for such proof.

Passport application processing can take the whole day, so keep that in mind. Thats why its smart, when its time to make an appointment, to make the appointment for as early in the day as possible. And always show up with passport photographs. This is because servicing centers arent equipped themselves to take these photographs for those making an application.

Because of Homeland security regulations, the only documents acceptable for proof of citizenship are birth certificates issued with raised government seals, naturalization papers or a passport itself. If a person is just renewing an expired passport, workers at the center can do a quick check (this is where the \$60 fee comes in). If no passport exists, a birth certificate or naturalization papers must be supplied, no exceptions.

Getting a [rush US passport](#) can be done, though it can take a fair amount of legwork and effort on the part of people needing it. Many of those who do need them choose instead to work with expediting services rather than to travel to a processing center on their own. Fees for passports issued in a hurry can be a bit higher than for normally-processed documents, so keep that in mind.

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