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Taking a look at procedures for obtaining an [urgent USA Passport](#) reveals that there is, indeed, a way to get such a document and that it actually won't be all that hard. People, after all, are electing to travel more often and to more places around the world. Missing out on such travel, because of a passport that couldn't be produced in time, would be a real shame.

When it comes to obtaining a passport in a short amount of time, many people choose to take on the services of express passport processing companies or businesses. Almost all have a presence on the Internet, so keep that in mind. Additionally, the State Department also has set up a website outlining procedures for getting one in a very short amount of time. Use them, if possible.

Keep in mind that normal processing time for a passport that is requested to be issued in a hurry is usually from two to three weeks. This is via an expedited service that includes overnight delivery to and from one of the US passport processing centers. For those who need a passport in a seriously short amount of time - for example, within one day - getting one can be accomplished, though it will take some work.

Urgent [US passports](#) that need to be obtained within a day or two are always easier to get if the person who needs it is willing to work closely with an expediting service or go directly to a regional passport processing center. There are 14 of them, with three in the Midwest (Chicago is the main one) and several on both coasts. New York, Los Angeles, Washington DC and Miami all feature centers.

The first thing one is going to need to do to get an urgent passport, outside of working with an expeditor service, is to make an appointment at one of the regional processing centers. This is done by calling a toll-free government number to schedule the appointment. It's always advised to make the appointment as early in the day as possible, because processing can take from three to five hours.

Also remember that no regional servicing center is able to take any sort of passport photograph. Just go to a larger US Post Office or one of many businesses that take such photographs. Remember as well that not having photographs can throw off the whole process, sometimes adding several days to it. That's a point worth remembering when an urgently needed passport is required.

Always keep in mind that there are certain documentary requirements. For one, bring the right application form. For another, make sure to bring proof of identity and citizenship. Usually, security regulations mandate the provision of some sort of official birth certificate or certificate of citizenship. Make sure to check the State Department website for other acceptable documents.

Travel being the way it is nowadays, and given that many people are doing it on extremely short notice, it just might be that knowing how to go about getting an [urgent United States passport](#) issued can be helpful. Outside of using of an expeditor service, remember that only those regional service centers are capable of same-day passport production. Also, remember to bring the right documents to ensure smooth processing.

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