

Travelling abroad

Changes in visa requirements

In light of rapidly changing visa procedures, the Travel Office asks travelers departing for foreign destinations to carefully review the visa requirements, even when traveling to a country that they have visited in the past. Recently some countries like India and Argentina have introduced new visa rules and entry requirements.

The Travel Office will make every effort to update visa information on the Travel website in addition to sending visa update emails to all travel preparers. Travelers will also receive emails via the DOE Foreign Travel System on any new entry requirements pertaining to the country of travel.

Visa application

To avoid processing delays, download the most current paperwork from the country's Consulate website or from www.cibt.com

- Provide all information that is required when applying for visas. Incomplete visa applications will cause delays.
- Be sure that you obtain all appropriate visas, including transit visas where required.
- Read your visa carefully when you receive it to ensure that it was issued according to your application and that you understand the dates and any restrictions that might apply. Please verify that your visa will be valid for the dates and the number of times that you plan to visit your destination.

Compliance

Travelers who do not comply with visa laws can be subject to arrest, fines, and deportation.

Travelers without an entry visa will not be permitted to enter the country and face immediate return to the point of embarkation at their own expense.

Failure to depart the country by the due date may result in a fine and future problems with authorities.

Passport validity

Many countries require travelers to have at least six months validity remaining on their passports. Immigration authorities may refuse entry if you arrive with less than this.

- Renew your passport well in advance of the intended travel date.
- If you hold an expired or damaged passport you may be refused entry.

Useful links

http://www.travel.state.gov/visa/americans/americans_1252.html

http://bss.fnal.gov/travel/for_entry_req.html

http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1765.html

<http://www.us.cibt.com/>