

# IMPORTANT CHANGE IN INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

**Beginning on January 23, 2007,** all persons – including U.S. citizens – traveling by air from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Bermuda will be required to have a passport (unless traveling with a Merchant Mariner's Document or NEXUS Air card) to enter the United States.

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# CHANGE FROM PRIOR TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

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All persons, including U.S. citizens, entering the United States from the Americas, Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Bermuda will soon be required to have a passport or other accepted document that establishes the bearer's identity and citizenship.

**The change will be implemented in two phases.**

**The timeline is as follows:**

**JANUARY 23, 2007:** Requirement applied to all **air** travel to or from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Bermuda.

As early as **January 1, 2008:** **All** persons, including U.S. citizens, traveling between the U.S. and Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean, and Bermuda by **land or sea** (including ferries), may be required to present a valid passport or other documents as determined by the Department of Homeland Security. Ample advance notice will be provided to enable the public to obtain passports or other documents for land/sea entries.

**For more information,** please visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) or [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov).

**For more information about applying for a passport,** U.S. citizens may visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) or call the National Passport Information Center toll free at 1-877-4USA-PPT or TDD/TTY: 1-888-874-7793. Foreign nationals should contact their respective governments to obtain passports.