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NOTICE TO PASSPORT ACCEPTANCE AGENTS

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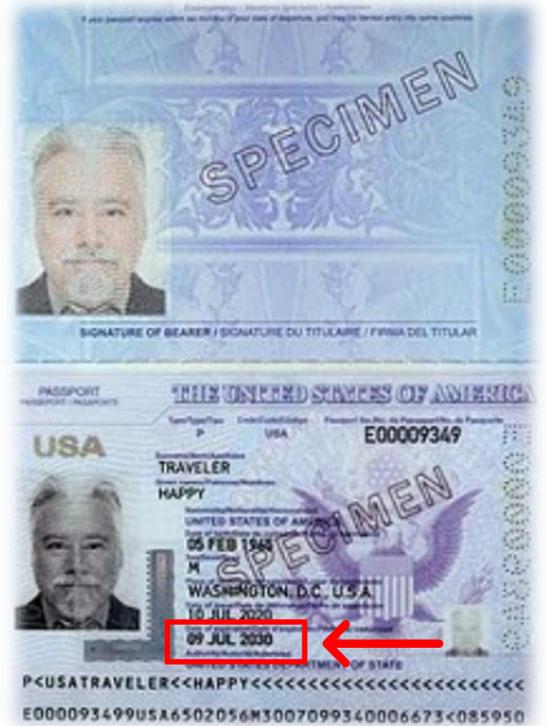
Remind Customers To Check The Expiration Date Of Family Members' Passports

An expired passport discovered shortly before a flight departure is an unfortunate and avoidable occurrence for travelers. Travelers should check the validity of their passport books ahead of time to avoid facing flight delays, overstaying in a foreign country, or rushing to a passport agency. Passport agencies have limited appointments available. Additionally, some countries require visitors to have a passport book that is valid for at least six months.

Travelers should also double check their kids' and elderly parents' passport expiration dates since they may also go unnoticed. For minors under 16 years of age, the passport book and card are valid for 5 years compared to 10 years for adults.

Acceptance Agents may help by reminding the public to double check their family members' passport expiration dates when they appear at your facility. Also, displaying passport services' processing times in a public area serves as an effective visual reminder.

We are anticipating a significant increase in travelers in the coming months as more countries lift COVID-19 related travel restrictions. Encouraging customers to check their passports now may help prevent unnecessary inconveniences and travel delays in the future.



The red arrow shows where to find the expiration date.



Please note: Passport operations and processing times may further change throughout the year due to COVID-19. Check <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel.html> for the latest information on passport processing times and international travel. Customers who have already applied are encouraged to check the status of their applications on <https://passportstatus.state.gov/>.