

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Carrier Liaison Program

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Travel of U.S. Citizens with Expired Passports

- As of May 21, 2021, U.S. citizens will be able to use their expired U.S. passports to return to the U.S. through Dec. 31, 2021.
- Expired passports cannot be used to travel from the U.S. to an international destination or to travel to a foreign country for any length of stay longer than an airport connection en route to the U.S. or to a U.S. territory.
- Travelers qualify for this exception if all the following are true:
 - They are a U.S. citizen.
 - They are currently abroad seeking to return to the U.S.
 - They are flying directly to the U.S., a U.S. territory, or have only a short-term transit, or connecting flight, through a foreign country on their return to the U.S. or to a U.S. territory.
 - Their expired passport was originally valid for 10 years. Or, if they were 15 years of age or younger when the passport was issued, their expired passport was originally valid for five years.
 - Their expired passport is undamaged and in their possession.
- Any questions concerning the scope or implementation of this guidance, including the authorization for U.S. citizens to board an aircraft, should be directed to the appropriate Regional Carrier Liaison Group or other designated CBP official for adjudication prior to aircraft departure.

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