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Appointments can be made for:

- Add visa pages to undamaged, valid U.S. passport
- Passport services other than adding pages
- Report the birth abroad of a child of a U.S. citizen and/or apply for the child's first passport, Report of Birth and Social Security Number
- Request notarial and other services not listed above

Recent changes

Walk-ins for non-emergency services will no longer be accepted. Please *[click here](#) to make an appointment for passport, Consular Report of Birth Abroad, and document and notarial services. If you arrive at the consulate for a non-emergency service, you will be asked to return after securing an appointment. Thank you for your cooperation with this new policy, which will ensure that services are offered in a more efficient manner, with shorter wait times.

*<https://evisaforms.state.gov/acs/default.asp?postcode=MDR&appcode=1>

Emergency Services:

- 24-hour duty officer for emergencies involving American citizens
- Prison visits
- Hospital
- Updates about crisis situations

American Citizen Service Hours:

1:30 to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays

Please Note:

Officers of the Department of State and U.S. Embassies and Consulates abroad are prohibited by federal regulation from acting as agents, attorneys or in a fiduciary capacity on behalf of U.S. citizens in private legal disputes abroad. (22 CFR 92.81; 10.735-206(a)(7); 72.41; 71.5.)

General information regarding Indian visa and immigration rules, including the addresses and telephone numbers for the FRRO offices, can be found at the Indian Ministry of Home Affairs website for its Bureau of Immigration at <http://www.immigrationindia.nic.in>.

Smart Traveler Enrollment Program

The “Travel Registration System” has been renamed to the (STEP) Smart Traveler Enrollment Program. Please visit: <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/> to sign up. It's a free service that keeps you informed during emergencies.

Stay Informed. Sign up for our free Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (formerly known as “Travel Registration” or “Registration with Embassies”) to receive the latest travel updates and information! When you sign up, you will automatically receive the most current information we compile about the country where you will be traveling or living. You will also receive updates, including Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts (where and when appropriate). You only need to sign up once, and then you can add and delete trips from your account based on your current travel plans!

Stay Connected. By connecting with us on the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program, we will be able to assist you better in the case of an emergency, such as if you lose your passport or it is stolen while you are abroad.

We also assist U.S. citizens in other emergencies, such as in natural disasters. For example, after the earthquake in Haiti, we evacuated over 16,700 U.S. citizens. During the civil unrest in Lebanon in 2006 we assisted nearly 15,000 U.S. citizens, and in 2004 we helped thousands more after the tsunami.

The travel and contact information you enter into our Smart Traveler Enrollment Program will make it easier for consular officers in U.S. embassies and consulates around the world to contact you and your loved ones during an emergency—including situations where your family or friends in the U.S. are having problems trying to contact you with important news. Provide you with timely and accurate travel information about every country where you may travel.

Stay Safe. We believe that a well-informed traveler is a safer traveler. Our consular officers around the world compile country-specific information, travel alerts, travel warnings, fact sheets and warden messages to provide you with timely and accurate travel information about every country where you may travel.

We include reports on possible risks and security threats so that you can make informed decisions about your travel plans and activities.

Stay informed by connecting with us via our Smart Traveler Enrollment Program so you can have safe and enjoyable travels!



Your Privacy Is Paramount- All the personal information you provide to us is protected under the Privacy Act of 1974. This law prohibits us from sharing the information with anyone without your written authorization. Certain exceptions exist, such as when we need to share information on a limited basis in order to protect your safety and welfare in extreme circumstances.

Other Consular Services

Medical Information: New to India? Key information about medical care here, as well as the Consulate’s doctors' list. [More Information](#)

Marriage: Procedures for American Citizens getting married in India. [More Information](#)

Notary and Document Services: Many documents require authentication or acknowledgment. Appointments are required. [More Information](#)

Social Security: Here we provide help for those collecting social security from outside the U.S. [More Information](#)

Judicial Assistance: Key information about how the Consulate can and cannot help citizens. Also, contains a list of attorneys. [More Information](#)

Voter Registration: How to vote from outside the United States. [More Information](#)

Selective Service: If you’re a male over 18, Uncle Sam needs you to register for the draft. [More Information](#)

IRS: Help with filing income tax while overseas. [More Information](#)



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Meet the Secretary of State

Duties of the Secretary of State

Under the Constitution, the President of the United States determines U.S. foreign policy. The Secretary of State, appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate, is the President's chief foreign affairs adviser. The Secretary carries out the President's foreign policies through the State Department and the Foreign Service of the United States.



Created in 1789 by the Congress as the successor to the Department of Foreign Affairs, the Department of State is the senior executive Department of the U.S. Government. The Secretary of State's duties relating to foreign affairs have not changed significantly since then, but they have become far more complex as international commitments multiplied. These duties -- the activities and responsibilities of the State Department -- include the following:

- * Serves as the President's principal adviser on U.S. foreign policy;
- * Conducts negotiations relating to U.S. foreign affairs;
- * Grants and issues passports to American citizens and exequaturs to foreign consuls in the United States;
- * Advises the President on the appointment of U.S. Ambassadors, ministers, consuls, and other diplomatic representatives;
- * Advises the President regarding the acceptance, recall, and dismissal of the representatives of foreign governments;

- * Personally participates in or directs U.S. representatives to international conferences, organizations, and agencies
- * Negotiates, interprets, and terminates treaties and agreements;
- * Ensures the protection of the U.S. Government to American citizens, property, and interests in foreign countries;
- * Supervises the administration of U.S. immigration laws abroad;
- * Provides information to American citizens regarding the political, economic, social, cultural, and humanitarian conditions in foreign countries;
- * Informs the Congress and American citizens on the conduct of U.S. foreign relations;
- * Promotes beneficial economic intercourse between the United States and other countries;
- * Administers the Department of State;
- * Supervises the Foreign Service of the United States.

In addition, the Secretary of State retains domestic responsibilities that Congress entrusted to the State Department in 1789. These include the custody of the Great Seal of the United States, the preparation of certain presidential proclamations, the publication of treaties and international acts as well as the official record of the foreign relations of the United States, and the custody of certain original treaties and international agreements. The Secretary also serves as the channel of communication between the Federal Government and the States on the extradition of fugitives to or from foreign countries.



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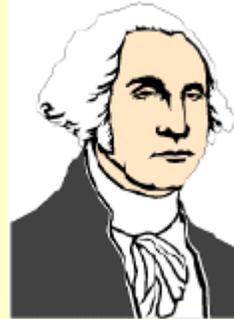
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ALABAMA,ALASKA,FLORIDA,GEORGIA,IDAHO,
 KANSAS,MAINE,MICHIGAN,NEBRASKA,OHIO
 TENNESSEE,TEXAS,VIRGINIA,WISCONSIN

Name that President



Thomas Jefferson
 George Washington
 Ronald Reagan
 Grover Cleveland



John Kennedy
 Richard Nixon
 Martin Van Buren
 Jimmy Carter



Gerald Ford
 Calvin Coolidge
 Lyndon Johnson
 Bill Clinton



James Madison
 John Tyler
 Thomas Jefferson
 James Monroe

Answers: From top: George Washington, John Kennedy, Bill Clinton,
 Thomas Jefferson.

More fun activities.



Help me connect each country to its flag!

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| United Kingdom <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
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| Thailand <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| Brazil <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| South Africa <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| Mexico <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| Canada <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |

Unscramble the Words

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- tseat _____
- netizic _____
- yrtnuoc _____
- oyciamlpd _____
- galf _____
- nogirfe _____
- nregtnmoev _____

Fun Food & Awesome Facts

Find out how a healthy lifestyle can help you win!



What does "Being Healthy" really mean? Eating a variety of nutritious food gives you the stuff you need to keep your body going, including calories that your body uses for energy.

A healthy person burns the energy from those calories every day by being physically active.

Bananas and other fruits packed with potassium can help your muscles work their best so you can "monkey" around for hours.

Bike riding is a great way to strengthen your legs, heart and your lungs. Just watch out for squirrel crossings and don't forget to wear a helmet!

Tomatoes and other healthy foods, together with exercise, can help keep you healthy and powerful so you can blow up balloons faster for a party!

Running is a great bone-strengthening activity, but it can be hard on the joints, especially the knees. Make sure you stretch before and after your run and warm up by walking and then jogging slowly. Race your friends to see who has the strongest legs!

Beans and other foods high in iron can help your body stay energized and you know what they say about beans!

Spinach and other foods high in Vitamin A can keep your skin healthy and you know who else gets their power from spinach, don't you?