

Message for U.S. Citizens – New IRS Form for Overseas Taxpayers
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Dear U.S. Citizen:

The American Citizen Services unit of the U.S. Embassy in Buenos Aires, Argentina notifies American Citizens of a new IRS reporting form (Form 8939) that taxpayers will use starting this tax filing season to report specified foreign financial assets for tax year 2011. Form 8939 should be filed by taxpayers with specific types and amounts of foreign financial assets or foreign accounts. It is important for taxpayers to determine whether they are subject to this new requirement because the law imposes significant penalties for failing to comply. Instructions, regulations implementing this new foreign asset report, and other information for taxpayers to determine if they are required to file Form 8938 is available on the web at <http://www.irs.gov/formspubs/article/0,,id=248113,00.html>

U.S. citizens in Argentina are encouraged to enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#). Those enrolled in STEP receive Messages and Emergency Messages for U.S. citizens. These messages are placed on our website at the same time that they are sent via email to STEP enrollees. U.S. citizens without internet access may enroll in person at the U.S. Embassy. By enrolling, U.S. citizens make it easier for the Embassy to contact them in case of emergency.

The U.S. Embassy is located at Avenida Colombia 4300 in the Palermo neighborhood of Buenos Aires (near the Plaza Italia stop on the "D" line subway). The main Embassy switchboard telephone is (54) (11) 5777-4533. Recorded consular information, including instructions on whom to contact in case of a U.S. citizen emergency, is available at tel. (54) (11) 4514-1830. The main Embassy fax is (54) (11) 5777-4240. The Consular Section fax is (54) (11) 5777-4293. The Consular Section is open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except on U.S. and Argentine holidays. Additional information on Embassy services is available by e-mail: BuenosAires-ACS@state.gov. For more information please follow the American Citizen Services unit of the U.S. Embassy in Buenos Aires on [Twitter](#).

Updated information on travel and security in Argentina may be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or, for callers outside the United States and Canada, on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). For further information, please consult the [Embassy website](#), the [Country Specific Information for Argentina](#), as well as the [Worldwide Caution](#). You can also stay up to date by bookmarking our [Bureau of Consular Affairs website](#), which also contains current [Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts](#). Follow us on [Twitter](#) and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on [Facebook](#), and download our free [Smart Traveler iPhone App](#) to have travel information at your fingertips.

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