



American Citizen Services Unit
U.S. Embassy Santo Domingo
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TO: All American Citizens

FROM: American Citizens Services Unit

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SUBJECT: Changes to the Consular Schedule of Fees Affecting U.S. Citizens

Effective July 13, 2010 new world wide rates will apply to passports, reports of birth, notarial and other services offered to American citizens.

Many of these fee increases are in response to the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI). The Department of State has undertaken a systematic expansion of its network to provide better service in response to the new land border crossing requirements associated with that program. By the end of 2011, the State Department will have 23 passport agencies and five passport centers, two of which are dedicated to the printing of passport books and passport cards.

Part of the increased fees for passport books will also cover the costs of certain emergency services provided to U.S. citizens overseas, including assistance to U.S. citizens who have been victims of crime, assistance provided after the death of a U.S. citizen, and visits to U.S. citizens in overseas prisons. These services also include organizing the evacuation of U.S. citizens affected by war or natural disaster in a foreign country, such as victims of the recent earthquake in Haiti. The estimated cost of providing such services to U.S. citizens in Fiscal Year 2009 was almost 300 million dollars.

Some of the services that will be affected are the following:

Service	Previous Fees	Fees effective July 13
Adult Passport Renewal	\$75.00	\$110.00
Adult 1 st time passport	\$100.00	\$135.00
Minor passport	\$85.00	\$105.00
Consular Report of Birth Abroad	\$65.00	\$100.00
Additional pages for a valid passport	No fee	\$82.00
Notarial	\$30.00	\$50.00
Filing Fee for K1 Fiancé Visa Petition	\$150.00	\$350.00

For a complete list of up to date fees please visit our website at <http://santodomingo.usembassy.gov/>

American citizens traveling or residing overseas are encouraged to register with the appropriate U.S. Embassy or Consulate on the State Department's travel registration website at <https://travelregistration.state.gov>.

For any emergencies involving American citizens out of regular business hours or over the weekends, please call 809-221-2171 and ask to speak to the duty officer.

The Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy is located at the corner of Cesar Nicolas Penson Street and Maximo Gomez Avenue, in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic; the ACS Unit's fax number is 809-689-6142; the e-mail address is acssantodom@state.gov; and the website is <http://santodomingo.usembassy.gov/acs-e.html>.