

May Visit by U.S. Consul to Thessaloniki

Athens – On May 11, 12 and 13, 2015, a U.S. consul will be in Thessaloniki to accept passport applications, register births abroad to U.S. citizen parent(s), and provide limited notarial services. These services are available by appointment only. You may book an appointment at <https://evisaforms.state.gov/acs/default.asp?postcode=TES&appcode=1> .

In addition, a representative from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will be available on Monday, and Tuesday, May 11 and 12, to answer questions and to accept applications for immigration purposes for immediate relatives of American citizens wishing to immigrate to the United States. It is advisable that you contact USCIS.Athens@dhs.gov for an appointment.

Please check the U.S. Embassy website at <http://athens.usembassy.gov/passports.html> for information about whether you need an appointment or can renew your passport by mail. Applicants who are eligible to apply for passport renewal by mail may also choose to drop off their renewal application and supporting documents at the Consulate, without making an appointment, on Friday, May 8, 2015, between 10:00 – 12:00 noon.

During the visit, the Consul will accept passport applications from children, those whose last passports were issued before age 16, first-time applicants, applicants whose passports expired more than five years ago, and applicants who have lost their passports, as well as applications to register the birth of children born abroad to U.S. citizen parent(s), and will provide limited notarial services.

Completing application forms ahead of time will speed up the process and minimize waiting time. Applicants must fully complete all mandatory questions on the entire passport application in English. No mandatory questions may be left blank. Application forms and instructions may be obtained at <http://athens.usembassy.gov>

Completed passports are typically delivered within three weeks. Anyone with immediate travel plans should make an online appointment to appear in person at the U.S. Embassy in Athens.

Please note that fees for passport/citizenship services and notarial fees may be paid only by a bank check in euros, made payable to the U.S. Embassy. Bank checks, made payable to the American Embassy, may be obtained from any major bank. If you submit more than one passport application or immigration petition, one bank check may include the total amount. Please review the current fees for consular services here <http://athens.usembassy.gov/fees.html> . The fee for application form I-130 is 399€.

For questions regarding citizenship and passport please e-mail the Passport and Citizenship Office at AthensAmericanPassports@state.gov or call 210-720-2494 or 210-720-2464 between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For information on notarial services, please e-mail AthensAmericanServices@state.gov or call 210-720-2421 or 210-720-2423 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For questions regarding immigrating to the U.S., please e-mail the Department of Homeland Security at USCIS.athens@DHS.gov or call 210-720-2404 or 210-7202467, Monday – Friday between 8:30 and 5:00 p.m.