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Subject: Message for U.S. Citizens 1-2014
U.S. Embassy to Host Passport Renewal Day on April 3, 2014

Planning to travel this summer or need to renew your U.S. passport? The U.S. Embassy wants to help you prepare for your trip and your passport is the key.

On Thursday, April 3, the U.S. Embassy in Kuwait will be holding two sessions for passport applications; the morning session is limited to adult passport renewals and the afternoon session will accept passport renewals for children. No appointment is necessary for that date and applications will be accepted on a first come first served basis. Passport processing takes approximately three weeks.

Passport Renewals for Adults

Morning Session: The 8:30 am to 10:00 am session is reserved **for adults renewing valid passports**; it is limited to those eligible to use the DS-82 application form.

The following are **not** eligible to participate in the morning session: children under age 16, those with damaged, stolen, or lost passports, or anyone with a passport last issued more than 15 years ago. Those who fall into these categories should make an appointment through the online appointment system.

Applicants **must** bring all of the following in order to be admitted to the session:

- Passport application form (DS-82), handwritten forms will **NOT** be accepted. Forms can be located at <http://kuwait.usembassy.gov/passports.html> or www.travel.state.gov
- Current passport and a photocopy of the passport
- Two 2"×2" color photos with a white background; full face should be visible
- Second form of photo ID
- Exact change or credit card (no KNET), fee is USD \$110 or currently 33KD

Those arriving for the morning session without all of the above-listed requirements or who are not eligible to use the DS-82 renewal form will not be admitted and will be asked to schedule an appointment via the online system for a later date.

Passport Renewals for Children

Afternoon Session: The 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm session is only open to children under the age of 16 who already have a U.S. passport or adults who have had a U.S. passport and are not eligible to use the DS-82 form.

Children who have never had a U.S. passport or have not been documented as U.S. citizens are not eligible to participate and should make the appropriate appointment through the online appointment system.

Applicants **must** bring all of the following in order to be admitted to the session:

- Passport application form (DS-11), handwritten forms will NOT be accepted. Forms can be located at <http://kuwait.usembassy.gov/passports.html> or www.travel.state.gov
- Original birth certificate or report of birth abroad and a photocopy of the document
- Child's current passport and a photocopy of the passport
- Parents' passports and a photocopy of each passport.
- Two 2"×2" color photos with a white background; full face should be visible
- Second form of photo ID for the parents
- Exact change or credit card (no KNET), fee is USD \$135 or currently 40.500 KD

Those arriving for the afternoon session without all of the above-listed requirements will not be admitted and will be asked to schedule an appointment via the online appointment system for a later date.

U.S. citizens traveling and residing abroad should enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) at the following website: <https://step.state.gov>. U.S. citizens without internet access may enroll directly at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate at their destination. By enrolling, U.S. citizens make it easier for the Embassy to contact them in case of emergency.

Updated information on travel and security 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, 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 Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet website at <http://travel.state.gov> where the Worldwide Caution and Country Specific Information can be found. In addition, the Embassy encourages U.S. citizens to review "A Safe Trip Abroad," which includes valuable security information for those traveling or living in foreign countries. You can also follow the Bureau of Consular Affairs on Twitter and on Facebook and download our free Smart Traveler App available through iTunes and Google Play to have travel information at your fingertips.

The U.S. Embassy is located at Al-Masjid Al-Aqsa Street, Block 6, Plot 14, Bayan, Kuwait. If you are a U.S. citizen in need of emergency assistance in Kuwait, you may reach the U.S. Embassy by calling +965-2259-1001 and requesting the duty officer.

This message may be accessed on the Embassy website, <http://kuwait.usembassy.gov>. Please note that the Consular Section is closed for U.S. and most local holidays. The current holiday schedule for 2014 is posted on <http://kuwait.usembassy.gov/holidays.html>.