

**U.S. Mission Ecuador
Message for U.S. Citizens**

“Passport Blitz Day” on December 2, 2015

November 13, 2015

In anticipation of the upcoming holiday season, U.S. Embassy Quito announces a “Passport Blitz Day” on December 2, 2015. We have opened a high volume of passport application appointments to help you get ready for your holiday travel. Please take advantage of this opportunity if your passport is due to expire or will have less than six months validity at the time you plan to travel. See our website to [make an appointment](#) and for information on passport application requirements. Passports approved by December 2, 2015 should be available for pick up by December 18, 2015.

We remind you that adults are eligible to renew a passport without an appointment during specified times if your most recent U.S. passport:

- Is undamaged and can be submitted with your application;
- Was issued when you were age 16 or older;
- Has a 10 year validity;
- Was issued within the last 15 years; and
- Was issued in your current name, or you can provide legal documentation to show the name change, even a minor change.

If you qualify to renew a passport without an appointment, see our website for [additional application requirements](#).

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Ecuador enroll in the Department of State's [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#). STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the U.S. embassy or nearest U.S. consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

Regularly monitor the [State Department's website](#), where you can find current Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution. Read the [Country Specific Information for Ecuador](#). For additional information, please refer to our “[Traveler’s Checklist](#)” page. Updated information on travel and security in Ecuador may also be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States or by calling 1-202-501-4444 outside the United States.

Contact information:

U.S. Embassy Quito
Avigiras E12-170 y Eloy Alfaro.
Phone (593-2) 398-5000
ACSQuito@state.gov
<http://ecuador.usembassy.gov/>

U.S. Consulate General Guayaquil
Avenida Jose Rodriguez Bonin and Calle Santa Ana, San Eduardo
Phone (593-4) 371-7000
ACSGuayaquil@state.gov
<http://guayaquil.usconsulate.gov/>

Dialing instructions within Ecuador:

- Within the same city and from a land line use the last seven digits.
- For calls from a mobile phone and for intercity telephone calls add the city code preceded by a 0.

Dialing instructions from the United States:

- Add the 011 prefix for an international long distance line.

For after-hours emergencies, call the phone numbers listed above for assistance.