



### **How long should my passport be valid when traveling to the United States?**

As a general rule, passports must be valid for six months beyond the date the traveler will exit the U.S., **however**, the U.S. has signed agreements with a number of countries to waive this requirement (e.g. Swedish passports are waived the additional six months requirement).

When such an agreement is in place, the passport must be valid for the entire period of the visitor's intended stay, but the additional six month validity period is not required.

The list of all exempted countries can be found here, <http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/104770.pdf>

### **When traveling with a US visa (not ESTA):**

Travelers who are in possession of a valid visa issued by a US consular section, and who intend to stay for more than six months in the US should be in possession of a passport with at least 6 month validity at the time of entry.

If the passport will expire during the visit in the US, the passport holder must renew the passport through their own Government's Embassy or Consular section. Any non US citizen must always be in possession of a valid passport while in the US.

### **What should I do if my US visa is in an expired passport?**

If a U.S. visa has been issued on a passport that has expired, you should carry both your new passport and the expired passport containing your valid visa. There is no need to re-apply for a new visa unless the visa term has itself expired, or if you have changed your name.