



U.S. Consulate General Dubai

Message for US Citizens: Visa Page Inserts Discontinued January 1, 2016

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The Department of State will discontinue the consular service of adding additional visa pages to U.S. passports beginning January 1, 2016. Visa page inserts pose vulnerabilities to passport security by diminishing the effect of the radio frequency blocking material to prevent unauthorized reading of ePassports. The determination to eliminate the visa page insert service was made to enhance the security of the passport and to abide by international passport standards.

As of October 2014, 52-page passport books have been issued to all applicants applying at overseas posts. This policy aims to lessen the burden that may be placed on frequent travelers who need more pages and those customers who may need to update residence permits or foreign entry/exit visas to comply with foreign country immigration practices.

Please renew your passport early to ensure you have sufficient validity and blank pages remaining for travel. Many countries, including the United Arab Emirates, will not allow entry on a passport with less than six months' validity remaining. Some countries also require two blank pages for visa entry and exit.

Additional Information:

- See travel.state.gov for more information on entry, exit, and foreign visa requirements and [United Arab Emirates Country Specific Information](#).
- We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in the United Arab Emirates enroll in the Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) at <https://step.state.gov/step>. 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.
- Contact the U.S. embassy or consulate for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. You can also call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free from within the United States and Canada, or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). Follow us on Twitter at <https://mobile.twitter.com/travelgov> and Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/travelgov>. You can also download our free Smart Traveler App, available through [iTunes](#) and the [Android market](#), to have travel information at your fingertips.
- The U.S. Consulate General in Dubai is located at the corner of Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed and Al Seef Streets on the Dubai Creek in Bur Dubai. The telephone number at the Consulate General is (971) (4) 309-4000. The web site for the U.S. Consulate General in Dubai is <http://dubai.usconsulate.gov/>.
- For after-hours emergencies involving U.S. citizens in Dubai, contact the Consulate General's Duty Officer at (971)(4) 309-4000.
- The U.S. Embassy in Abu Dhabi is located at Embassies District, Plot 38, Sector W59-02, Street No. 4, and P.O. Box 4009. The telephone number is (971) (2) 414-2200. Information regarding services to U.S. citizens can be obtained at the Embassy's web site at <http://abudhabi.usembassy.gov>.
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