



DO I NEED A VISA TO VISIT THE U.S.A.?

START

Individual Criteria

Please follow the arrow corresponding to your answer.

- Were you born in the United States or were either of your parents U.S. citizens at the time of your birth?*; **or**

- Do you have a serious communicable disease of public health significance?; **or**

- Have you ever been arrested and/or convicted of an offense anywhere in the world? NB: The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act does not apply to U.S. visa law; **or**

- Do you have a mental disorder associated with a display of harmful behavior (including self-harm)?; **or**

- Are you a drug addict or abuser?; **or**

- Have you ever been denied entry into the United States?; **or**

- Have you ever been deported or removed from the United States?; **or**

- Have you ever overstayed your period of admission to the United States, even by one day?

Mode of Transportation



Are you entering the United States aboard a commercial air or sea carrier and are you in possession of an onward or return ticket?

If you are entering the United States by land, you must be in possession of a completed form I-94W issued by the immigration authorities at the Port of Entry and pay a \$6.00 fee payable in U.S. dollars only.

Purpose of Travel

Is your purpose of travel for:

Tourism

Business

"Business" refers to other activities other than the performance of skilled or unskilled labor such as:

Business meetings and participation in scientific, educational, professional or business conventions, conferences, or seminars. If you are unsure that your intended activities qualify for the VWP, please contact the U.S. Embassy in London for further information.

Transit

Travelers who meet all of the criteria for travel under the VWP are eligible to transit through the United States.

Note: If transiting the United States to a destination in Canada, Mexico or the adjacent islands, the traveler may re-enter the United States on the return journey using any mode of transport, as long as the total visit, including both periods of time spent in transit and in Canada, Mexico or the adjacent islands does not exceed 90 days.

If transiting to a destination outside of Canada, Mexico or the adjacent islands, the return journey must be on a qualifying VWP signatory carrier (most major air and sea liners) but need not be within 90 days, as the traveler will be required to make a new application for admission.

Travelers transiting the United States to take up residence in Mexico, Canada or the adjacent islands should contact the U.S. Embassy in London for further information.

Length of Stay

Is your intended stay for 90 days or less?

YES



Are you a British citizen in possession of an individual passport issued by the United Kingdom?

Note: Passports which state that the holder is a British Subject, British Dependant Territories Citizen, British Overseas Citizen, British National (Overseas) Citizen or British Protected Person are NOT valid for travel under the VWP.

NO

YES

Was your passport issued between October 26, 2005 and October 25, 2006?

YES

NO

Are you a citizen of one of the following countries, with an individual passport?

- Czech Republic
- Estonia
- Greece
- Hungary
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Malta
- Republic of Korea
- Slovakia

NO

YES

Was your passport issued on or after October 26, 2006?

YES

NO

Are you a citizen of one of the following countries, with an individual passport?

- Andorra
- Australia
- Austria***
- Belgium
- Brunei
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Germany***
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Italy
- Japan
- Liechtenstein
- Luxembourg***
- Monaco
- The Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Norway
- Portugal
- San Marino
- Singapore
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland

NO

Was your passport issued before October 26, 2005?

YES

Your passport must be machine-readable and contain a digital photograph.

A machine-readable passport has two lines of text as letters, number and chevrons (<<<<) at the bottom of the personal information page, along with the bearer's picture.

If you do not know if your passport is a machine-readable passport and/or if your passport photograph is digital, please check with your country's passport issuing agency.

YES

You must be in possession of an "electronic passport" to enter the United States visa free under the VWP. You can identify an e-Passport by the symbol on the passport cover. See below:



If you do not know if your passport is an e-passport, please check with your country's passport issuing agency.

YES

Your passport must be machine-readable.

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If you do not know if your passport is a machine-readable passport, please check with your country's passport issuing agency.

YES

Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) at <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov>

Based on your responses, you appear eligible for travel under the Visa Waiver Program. The next step is to obtain travel authorization under the

Congratulations!

You require a visa for travel to the United States.

Please contact the U.S. Embassy in London for more information.

** You may be a U.S. citizen. Please contact the U.S. Embassy for further information. Please note that all U.S. citizens are required by law to enter and depart the U.S. on a valid U.S. passport.

*** Citizens of these countries may be subject to additional passport requirements. Please check with the U.S. Embassy in the country of your citizenship for further information.

* Please note: ESTA Approval is permission to board an air or sea carrier and does not guarantee entry into the United States. You will be required to demonstrate your eligibility for admission at the Port of Entry. The final decision to deny or approve entry rests with the immigration official.