

VWP EMERGENCY PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS

As of July 7, 2006, the following rules apply to Visa Waiver Program (VWP) nationals Using emergency, temporary, official and diplomatic passports to travel to the United States on the Visa Waiver Program:

- VWP countries' emergency, temporary, official and diplomatic passports are not subject to the digital photo requirement, and will not be subject to the October 26, 2006 electronic-passport requirement.
- VWP emergency, temporary, official and diplomatic passports that are machine-readable are valid for VWP travel.
- The above holds true for all VWP countries except for Germany.
 - German temporary and emergency passports are not valid for VWP travel
 - German official and diplomatic passports are handled in accordance with notes above.
 - German regular passports are valid for VWP travel.

The following pertains to “standard” VWP passports, NOT emergency passports:

- A VWP passport issued as of 10/26/05 must have either a digital photo or be an electronic passport for admission under the VWP. Otherwise, the traveler must have a visa in his or her passport.
- As of 10/26/06, passports issued on or after that date will be valid for VWP travel if they are electronic or “e-passports”.