

Travel Information

Passport

A Passport is an official booklet that tells who you are and establishes your country of citizenship. It is issued by the government and is valid for ten years for adults.

Do you have a Passport?

Check the date! Passports must be valid six months past your intended departure. If it expires while on a trip you may be refused entry into the country.

Do you need a Passport?

To apply for a passport you will need to go to your local post office and fill out an application. There is a process and application fee of about \$75.00. It takes approximately 6 weeks to get a passport.

Before applying, you will need the following items:

- *Birth Certificate* - A certified (raised seal) copy of your birth certificate which can be obtained at the Vital Records office of the country or state where you were born. The birth certificate should be mailed together with the passport application (it will be returned to you with your passport).
- *Passport photographs* - Send two identical, passport photographs with white backgrounds only. Photos can be obtained in some post offices, as well as in some drug stores such as Walgreens and Eckerd's.
- *Valid Drivers License* - Have this with you for verification purposes.

Visa

A Visa is a stamp that is placed into your passport by a consulate/embassy of the country that you wish to visit. This Visa gives you permission to enter the country.

There are several types of Visas. You will probably need a visitors/tourist visa. There are also work and resident visas.

Many countries require you to send your passport to their Embassy Consulate for a Visa stamp. Begin the process early so that it will be completed before your trip. Not all countries require a Visa, so check the embassy web site for travel advisories.

Immunizations

When traveling to international locations it is important to receive immunizations to protect you from diseases you may come in contact with. To determine if immunizations are required, contact your Missions Team Leader. Once this has been determined you can contact the Wake County Human Services to determine what immunizations are "required" and "recommended". Shots that are required must be done before entry into a country. Some shots require a follow-up and/or be issued several weeks before entry into a country, so it is important to watch your departure date and be immunized accordingly.

For appointments contact:

Wake County Human Services

Clinic E Prevention Services

10 Sunnybrook Road

Raleigh, NC 27620-4049

919-250-3901

www.wakegov.com/county/health/immunizations

Additional Information

Recommendation for Immunizations

www.cdc.gov • 888-232-3228

www.wakeco.gov

Passport Services

www.travel.state.gov/passport_services

www.customs.ustras.gov

Currency Converter

www.xe.com

General Travel Information and Ideas

www.travelsmith.com