



**U.S. Department of State  
Passport Services**

**NOTICE TO PASSPORT ACCEPTANCE AGENTS**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE LAPSE IN APPROPRIATIONS  
(FUNDING) OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

**January 22, 2017**

During the lapse in appropriations (funding) of the Federal government, the U.S. Department of State will continue passport services as normal. Processing times for passport applications remain at four to six weeks for routine service and two to three weeks for expedited service.

Please continue to provide passport acceptance services to customers and mail the applications daily to your lockbox address.

If you have questions, please contact your designated Customer Service Manager(s).

Thank you.