

naturalization, a certificate of repatriation or evidence of the fact that he or she took an oath of allegiance in accordance with the applicable provisions of the law. (Act of June 29, 1906, as amended by Act of May 9, 1918; Act of June 25, 1936, as amended by Act of July 2, 1940, sections 317(b) and 323 of the Nationality Act of 1940 as amended by Acts of April 2, 1942, and August 7, 1946; Act of August 16, 1951, as amended by section 402(j) of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952; sections 324 and 327 of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952; Act of July 20, 1954).

(22 U.S.C. 2658 and 3926)

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**§ 51.54 Requirement of additional evidence of U.S. citizenship.**

Nothing contained in §§ 51.43 through 51.53 shall prohibit the Department from requiring an applicant to submit other evidence deemed necessary to establish his or her U.S. citizenship or nationality.

(22 U.S.C. 2658 and 3926)

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**§ 51.55 Return or retention of evidence of citizenship.**

The passport issuing office will generally return to the applicant evidence submitted in connection with an application for passport facilities. However, the passport issuing office may retain evidence when it deems necessary.

**Subpart D—Fees**

**§ 51.60 Form of remittance.**

Passport fees in the United States shall be paid in U.S. currency or by draft, check, or money order payable to the Department of State or the Passport Office. Passport fees abroad shall be paid in U.S. currency, travelers checks, money order, or the equivalent value of the fees in local currency.

[31 FR 14522, Nov. 11, 1966]

**§ 51.61 Passport fees.**

Fees, including execution fees, shall be collected for the following passport

services in the amounts prescribed in the Schedule of Fees for Consular Services (22 CFR 22.1):

(a) A fee for each passport issued, which fee shall vary depending on whether the passport is issued to a first-time applicant or a renewal applicant and on the age of the applicant. The passport issuance fee shall be paid by all applicants at the time of application, except as provided in § 51.62(a).

(b) A fee for execution of the passport application, except as provided in § 51.62 (b), when the applicant is required to execute the application in person before a person authorized to administer oaths for passport purposes. This fee shall be collected as part of the passport issuance fee at the time of application and is not refundable (see 22 CFR 51.65). When execution services are provided by an official of a state or local government or of the United States Postal Service, the fee may be retained by that entity to cover the costs of service, pursuant to an appropriate agreement with the Department of State.

(c) A fee for expedited services, if any, provided pursuant to 22 CFR 51.66.

[63 FR 5103, Jan. 30, 1998]

**§ 51.62 Exemption from payment of passport or execution fee.**

(a) The following persons are exempt from the payment of passport fees:

(1) An officer or employee of the U.S. proceeding abroad on official business, or the members of his or her immediate family authorized to accompany or reside with him or her abroad. The applicant shall submit evidence of the official purpose of his or her travel and if applicable his or her authorization to have dependents accompany or reside with him or her abroad.

(2) An American sailor who requires a passport in connection with his or her duties aboard an American flag-vessel.

(3) A widow, child, parent, brother, or a sister of a deceased American service member proceeding abroad to visit the grave of such service member.

(4) An employee of the United Seamen's Service who requires a passport for travel to assume or perform duties thereof. The applicant shall submit with his or her application a letter

from the United Seamen's Service certifying that he or she is proceeding abroad on official business to provide facilities and services for U.S. merchant seamen.

(b) No person described in paragraph (a) (1), (2), (3), or (4) of this section shall be required to pay an execution fee when his or her application is executed before a Federal official.

(22 U.S.C. 2658 and 3926)

[33 FR 12043, Aug. 24, 1968, as amended at 37 FR 6053, Mar. 24, 1972; 49 FR 16989, Apr. 23, 1984; Redesignated at 63 FR 5103, Jan. 30, 1998.]

#### § 51.63 Refunds.

A collected passport fee shall be refunded:

(a) To any person exempt from the payment of passport fees under § 51.62 from whom fees were erroneously collected.

(b) To any person refused a visa within the United States by the appropriate officer of a foreign government, provided that the unused passport is returned and a written request for a refund is made within 6 months of the date of issue of the passport.

(c) To any applicant whose passport is not issued.

(d) To the executor or administrator of the estate of the deceased bearer of an unused passport.

(e) For procedures on refunds of \$5.00 or less see § 22.6(b) of this title.

(f) The passport expedite fee will be refunded if the Passport Agency does not provide the requested expedited processing as defined in § 51.66.

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#### § 51.64 Replacement passports.

A passport issuing office shall issue a replacement passport without payment of a fee:

(a) To correct an error or rectify a mistake of the Department.

(b) When exceptional circumstances exist as determined by the Secretary.

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#### § 51.65 Execution fee not refundable.

The fee for the execution of a passport application cannot be refunded.

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#### § 51.66 Expedited passport processing.

(a) Within the United States, an applicant for a passport service (including issuance, amendment, extension, or the addition of visa pages) may request expedited processing by a Passport Agency. All requests by applicants for in-person services at a Passport Agency shall be considered requests for expedited processing, unless the Department has determined that the applicant is required to apply at a U.S. Passport Agency.

(b) Expedited passport processing shall mean completing processing within 3-business days commencing when the application reaches a Passport Agency or, if the application is already with a Passport Agency, commencing when the request for expedited processing is approved. The processing will be considered completed when the passport is ready to be picked up by the applicant or is mailed to the applicant.

(c) A fee shall be collected for expedited processing service in the amount prescribed in the Schedule of Fees for Consular Services (22 CFR 22.1). This amount will be in addition to any other applicable fee and does not include urgent mailing costs, if any.

(d) A request for expedited processing normally will be accepted only if the applicant can document urgent departure with airline tickets showing confirmed reservation or similar evidence. The Passport Agency may decline to accept the request if it is apparent at the time it is made that the request cannot be granted.

(e) The expedite fee may be waived only where the need for expedited processing was necessary due to Department error, mistake or delay.

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