

The Journey of a Passport Application



1.
After an application is mailed by the applicant or the Acceptance Facility, it arrives at a data entry and payment processing facility.

**Online Status:
"Not Found"**



2.
Then, the application is sent to a passport agency or center where it is adjudicated by a passport specialist.

**Online Status:
"In Process"**



4.
Once printed, the new passport is mailed to the applicant. Citizenship evidence documents are returned in a separate mailing.

**Online Status:
"Mailed"**



3.
Once approved, the application information is digitally transferred to a book print facility where the passport is printed.

**Online Status:
"Approved"**



Online status updates are generally available 4 weeks after applying

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Check your application status online: PassportStatus.State.Gov

