

NEW BORDER CROSSING REGULATIONS

EFFECTIVE: JUNE 1, 2009

As of June 1, 2009, birth certificates and photo I.D. will NOT be accepted to cross the international bridges.

The Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) is a federal law that will require all citizens of the U.S., Canadian, Mexico, Bermuda and the Caribbean to present one of the following forms of identification at U.S. land and sea border crossing between Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and the Caribbean:

For more information on WHTI go to http://travel.state.gov/travel/cbpmc/cbpmc_2223.html

ENHANCED DRIVER'S LICENSE (EDL):

New York State (NYS) began to issue Enhanced Driver's Licenses and Enhanced non-driver photo ID cards on September 16, 2008 to U.S. Citizens who also prove NYS residency. These documents are approved travel identification documents for land and sea border crossings. (EDLs are not acceptable for air travel outside the U.S.) You must apply in person at the DMV; you cannot apply by mail, telephone, or Internet.

COST: \$40 *in addition to* any fees required for your driver's license or non-driver ID card

LENGTH OF VALIDITY: Same as the current driver's license, 8 years

HELPFUL LINK: NYS DMV: <http://www.nydmv.state.ny.us/index.htm>

Students who do not have NYS residency and who want to travel within the WHTI territories, should contact their state's DMV to see if they issue EDLs, or should apply for a Passport, a Passport card or NEXUS.

PASSPORT BOOK: Traditional style: Valid for land/sea borders; REQUIRED for ALL international air travel
PASSPORT CARD: Wallet-size card: Valid for land/sea borders; NOT VALID for ANY International air travel

COST:

What Are You Applying For?	Application Fee	Execution Fee	Total Amount You Pay
Passport Book (Age 16 & Older)	\$75.00	\$25.00*	\$100.00
Passport Book (Under Age 16)	\$60.00	\$25.00	\$85.00
Passport Card (Age 16 & Older)	\$20.00	\$25.00*	\$45.00
Passport Card (Under Age 16)	\$10.00	\$25.00	\$35.00

*The execution fee is waived if you apply by mail; Under Age 16 Passport Book and Card must be applied for in person, not by mail.

LENGTH OF VALIDITY: (Same for both the book and the card)

If you were over age 16 when the passport was issued, then your passport is valid for 10 years.

If you were 15 or Younger when your passport was issued, then your passport is valid for 5 years.

HELPFUL LINK: Passport information: http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html

NEXUS: Designed to expedite the border clearance process for low-risk, pre-approved travelers into Canada and the U.S.A.
Do not apply if you have been convicted of a criminal offense in any country

COST: All applicants 18 years of age and older are required to submit the non-refundable \$50 fee to participate in the NEXUS program. Children 17 years and younger are required to submit an application at no cost.

LENGTH OF VALIDITY: 5 Years

HELPFUL LINK: http://cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/trusted_traveler/nexus_prog/