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If my visa is in an expired passport, what should I do?

ANSWER:

If your Visa is in a passport that has expired or will expire within 6 months of the end of your U.S. visit, you will need to get a new passport. However, you do not need to apply for a new visa. Just bring both your NEW and passport with the valid visa to present to the CBP Officer when you arrive in the U.S.

*Note: Your ESTA is not a U.S. Visa. If you obtain a new passport, you are required to apply for a brand new ESTA. To re-apply visit esta.cbp.dhs.gov [2].

The U.S. has an agreement with certain countries exempting their citizens from the requirement that their passports be valid for up to **six months past the end of their U.S. visit**. (See page 19 of the [Carrier Information Guide on cbp.gov](http://cbp.gov)) [3]. Citizens of the countries which are exempt the six-month rule need to have a passport valid for their intended period of stay.

Please contact the U.S. Embassy in your country of citizenship to determine if you are exempt from this requirement.

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