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Passport for Travel to North Korea

Travel Restriction

OMB Control Number #1405-XXXX

Expiration Date xx-xx-xxxx

As of XXX, U.S. passports will not be valid for travel to, in, or through North Korea (also known as Democratic People's Republic of Korea, or DPRK).

The U.S. Department of State may grant an exception to qualified applicants by issuing a Passport with a special validation that will be valid for only one trip. These specific, one-time-use validations will be issued on an extremely limited basis.

Travel to, in, or through North Korea on a U.S. passport without this Special Validation, may justify revocation of your passport for misuse under 22 C.F.R. § 51.62(a)(2), and may subject you to felony prosecution under 18 U.S.C. § 1544 or other applicable laws.

Who Can Get a Special Validation Passport?

We will only issue a Passport with a special validation if your trip is in the national interest and you meet all regular passport requirements.

Your trip might be in the national interest if any of the following are true:

- You are a professional reporter or journalist and the purpose of your trip is to collect, and make available to the public, information about the DPRK.
- You are a representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross or the American Red Cross traveling on an officially-sponsored Red Cross mission to the DPRK.
- Your trip to the DPRK is justified by compelling humanitarian considerations.
- Your trip to the DPRK is otherwise in the national interest.

How Do I Apply for a Special Validation Passport?

If your trip falls into one of the above categories, you may be eligible for a Special Validation Passport.

1. First, we must verify your eligibility. Please send the following information by email to PPTSpecialValidations@state.gov or by mail to Special Validations, U.S. Department of State, CA/PPT/L/LA, 44132 Mercure Circle, P.O. Box 1227, Sterling, VA 20166-1227:

- Name

- Copy (either black and white or color is acceptable) of front and back of valid Government issued photo ID that includes your signature and date of birth. You may submit items such as the following containing your signature AND a photograph that is a good likeness of you: previous or current U.S. passport book; previous or current U.S. passport card; driver's license (not temporary or learner's license); Certificate of Naturalization; Certificate of Citizenship; military identification; or federal, state, or municipal government employee identification card.
- Current contact information including phone number and mailing address
- Statement explaining the reason you think your trip is in the national interest (see criteria above) and/or are otherwise eligible for a Special Validation Passport
- Any documentation to support your request

2. You will receive notification if your request is approved or denied. According to 22 C.F.R. § 51.70(b)(4), if your request is denied, there is no further review of this decision.

3. If approved, we will send you a letter at the mailing address or email address you provided certifying your eligibility for travel to North Korea.

4. You must then use that letter to apply for your one-use passport with a special validation and submit all fees. We will include application instructions in your notification of approval.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORITIES: Collection of this information is authorized by 22 U.S.C. 211a et seq, 8 U.S.C. 1104, Executive Order 11295 (August 5, 1966); and 22 C.F.R. parts 50 and 51.

PURPOSE: We are requesting this information in order to determine your eligibility to be issued a U.S. passport containing a special validation.

ROUTINE USES: This information may be disclosed to another domestic government agency, a private contractor, a foreign government agency, or to a private person or private employer in accordance with certain approved routine uses. These routine uses include, but are not limited to, law enforcement activities, employment verification, fraud prevention, border security, counterterrorism, litigation activities, and activities that meet the Secretary of State's responsibility to protect U.S. citizens and non-citizen nationals abroad. More information on the Routine Uses for the system can be found in System of Records Notices State-05, Overseas Citizen Services Records and Other Overseas Records and State-26, Passport Records.

DISCLOSURE: Providing this information is voluntary. Be advised, however, that failure to provide the information requested on this form may cause delays in processing your request and/or could result in the refusal or denial of your request.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 45 minutes per response, including the time required for searching existing data sources, gathering the necessary data, providing the information and/or documents required, and reviewing the final collection. You do not have to supply this information unless this collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. If you have comments on the accuracy of this burden estimate and/or recommendations for reducing it, please send them to: U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Passport Services, Office of Legal Affairs, 44132 Mercure Cir, P.O. Box 1227, Sterling, Virginia 20166-1227