

DoD Expeditionary Civilian Program Office

Updated Passport Guidance

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Effective immediately, the Foreign Clearance Manual (within the Foreign Clearance Guide) has been updated to state the following:

C3.2.2.4.1.2. DoD civilians, DoD sponsored contractors, or eligible family members of US military and DoD civilian personnel must present a valid passport. No exceptions, even if exiting or entering the United States through a US military base.

Guidance for Entry and Exit of Host Nation:

- 1) Requirements for entry into the CENTCOM AOR
 - a. Afghanistan and Kuwait
 - i. CAC Card and travel orders (DD Form 1610)
 - b. Iraq
 - i. Official passport and visa
- 2) Requirements to exit and/or re-enter the United States
 - a. *U.S. Passport (Official or tourist)

*Note:

- *Recent guidance requires deploying civilians to have a U.S. passport to exit and/or re-enter the U.S. The Passport is required even if the host nation does not require a U.S. passport for entry.*
- *DoD policy still requires an official passport. At this time, DoD does not intend to eliminate this requirement for DoD-ECs.*

Official Policy Determination:

- 1) DoD-ECs **must have** a U.S. Passport (official or tourist) IAW the Foreign Clearance Guide to exit the U.S.
 - a. Coordinate with your DoD Passport Agent and the DoD Passport and Visa Office to expedite passport, if needed. Reference *DoD Passport and Visa Office* website for more information
<https://passportmatters.army.mil/Default.aspx>
 - b. Highly Recommend - Delaying deployment until DoD-EC has a passport
- 2) Due to COVID-19 impacts resulting in delays with passport processing, DoD-ECs can **deploy with a tourist passport** in lieu of an official passport. However, preference is still official passport.