

APIS DOCUMENT DATA REQUIREMENTS

For Entry and Departure

Scanning the Machine Readable Zone on the travel document will automatically fill the required document data fields in APIS.



Machine Readable Zone (MRZ)

If unable to obtain travel document information from the MRZ through the use of a document reader, travel document information may be transmitted using the following methods:

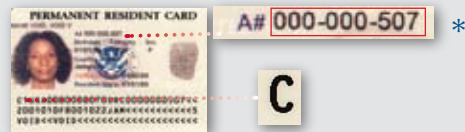
Passports: Enter Document Type Code "P", and the passport number.



DHS Travel Document: Enter Document Type Code "T", and the document number.



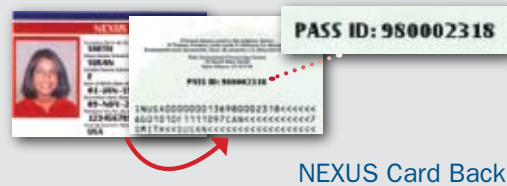
Permanent Resident Card: Enter Document Type Code "C", and the document number.



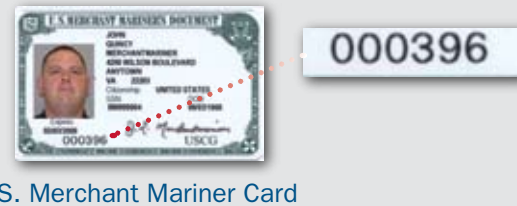
Resident Alien Card: Enter Document Type Code "A", and the document number.



NEXUS Cards: Enter Document Type Code "IN" and the "Pass ID" number.



U.S. Merchant Mariner Card: Enter Document Type Code "G" and the card number.



Emergency Travel Documents/Consulate Letters: Enter Document Type Code "F" and type the word "CONSULATE" in the document number field.

Removals (Deportees): Enter Document Type Code "A" and the Alien Registration Number, or, if the Alien Registration Number is not available, enter Document Type Code "F" and the word "DEPORTEE" in the document number field.

*Document number must be alphanumeric, containing no special characters.



U.S. Customs and Border Protection

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Documentary Requirements for ARRIVAL to the United States by Air

United States Citizens require one of the following:



US Passport



Military ID Card



U.S. Merchant Mariner Card



NEXUS Card (at Nexus kiosk only)



Transportation Letter

Canadian and Bermudan Citizens require one of the following:



Passport



NEXUS Card (at Nexus kiosk only)



Parole Letter

Mexican Citizens require the following:



Passport and Visa

OR



Passport and Border Crossing Card

OR



Parole Letter



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Documentary Requirements for ARRIVAL to the United States by Air

Lawful Permanent Residents require one of the following:



Permanent Resident Card

Immigrant Visa

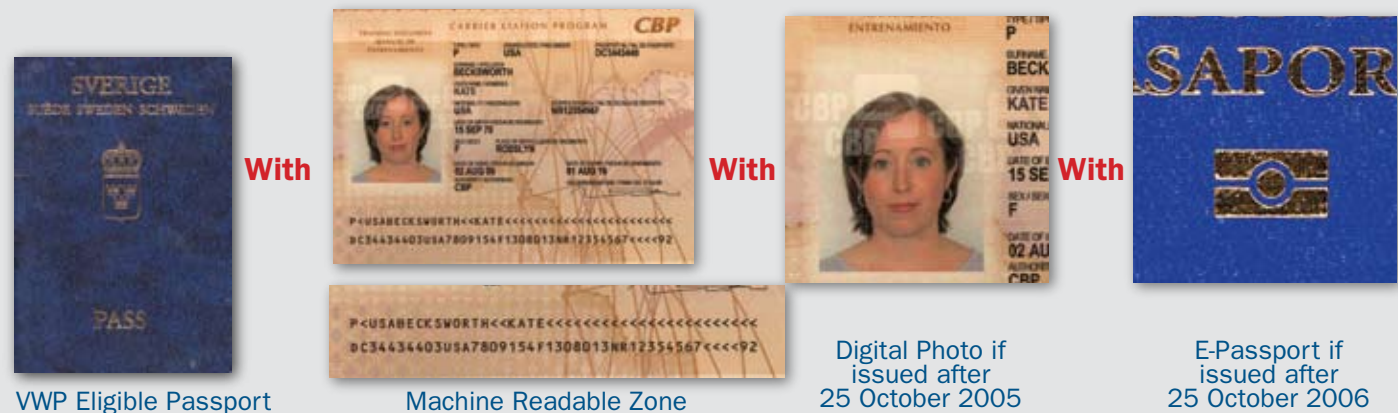
DHS Travel Document

Parole Letter

Transportation Letter

ADIT Stamp

VWP Eligible Travelers require the following:



VWP Eligible Passport

Machine Readable Zone

Digital Photo if issued after 25 October 2005

E-Passport if issued after 25 October 2006

All Others require the following:

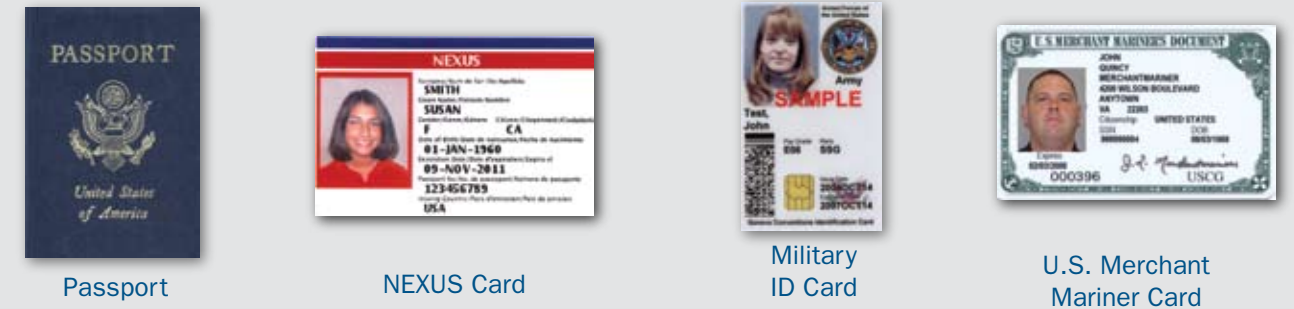


Passport and Visa

Parole Letter

Documentary Requirements for DEPARTURE from the United States by Air (destination countries may require additional documentation)

United States Citizens require one of the following:



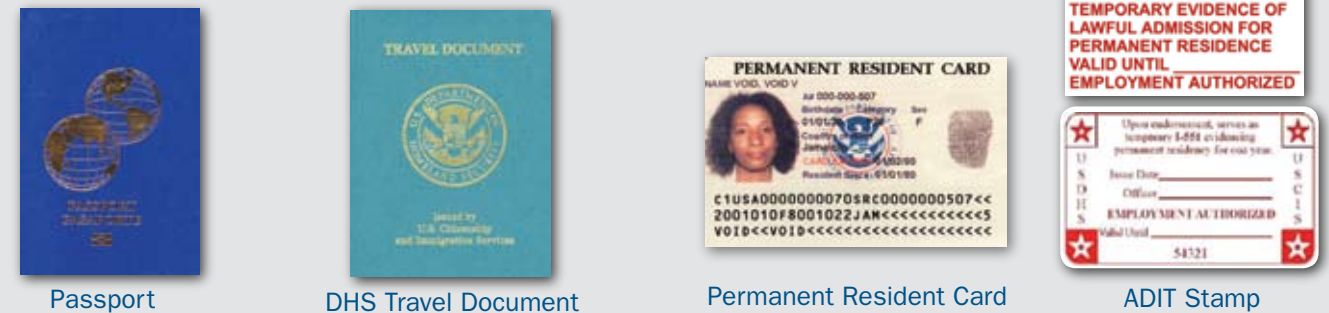
Passport

NEXUS Card

Military ID Card

U.S. Merchant Mariner Card

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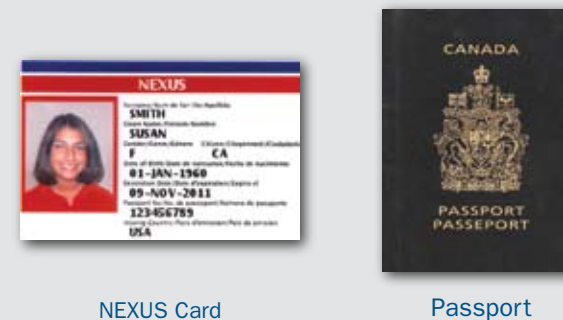
Passport

DHS Travel Document

Permanent Resident Card

ADIT Stamp

Canadian Citizens require one of the following:



NEXUS Card

Passport

All Others require a passport or Emergency Travel Document or Removal Order.



Passport

Emergency Travel Document

Examples of documents not acceptable for entry to or departure from the United States by air:

- Driver's License
- Birth Certificate
- Citizenship Certificate (or Card)
- Naturalization Certificate
- Matricula Consular
- Cedula
- National Identification Card

When in doubt, contact the nearest CBP Port-of-Entry.