

To: All American Citizens
From: Consular Section
Subject: Warden Notice - July 9, 2010

The U.S. Department of State has announced an increase in fees for delivering consular services which will go into effect on July 13, 2010.

The change in fees is based on a comprehensive cost of service study completed in June 2009. These fees will help cover actual operating expenses for the 301 consular posts abroad, 23 domestic passport agencies, and other centers that provide consular services to both U.S. and foreign citizens. Consular services include emergency services, including assistance to U.S. citizens who have been victims of crime, assistance provided after the death of a U.S. citizen, and visits to U.S. citizens in overseas prisons. These services also include organizing the evacuation of U.S. citizens affected by war or natural disaster in a foreign country, such as victims of the recent earthquake in Haiti.

The following increased fees are to take effect July 13, 2010:

PASSPORT AND CITIZENSHIP SERVICES:

- * The application processing fee for adult passport applications will change from \$55 to \$70.
- * The passport book security surcharge will change from \$20 to \$40.
- * The application fee for passport cards will increase, from \$20 to \$30 for adults and from \$10 to \$15 for minors.
- * A new fee of \$82 for additional passport pages will be imposed.
- * The fee for file search and verification of U.S. citizenship (generally conducted only by domestic passport agencies) will increase from \$60 to \$150.
- * The fee for a Consular Report of Birth Abroad will change from \$65 to \$100.
- * A new fee of \$450 is being established for documentation of formal renunciation of U.S. citizenship, which applies only to those persons who choose to take the Oath of Renunciation pursuant to Sec. 349(a)(5) INA.

OVERSEAS CITIZENS SERVICES:

* The fee for making arrangements for a deceased non-U.S. citizen is changing from consular time (Item 75 on the Schedule of Fees) plus expenses to \$200, plus expenses.

DOCUMENTARY SERVICES:

* Notarial and authentication services, which now range from \$20 to \$30, will all be \$50.

JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES:

* The fee for processing of letters rogatory will increase from \$735 to \$2,275.

* Fees for taking depositions and executing commissions to take testimony will change as follows: scheduling/arranging appointments for depositions, from \$475 to \$1,283; attending or taking depositions or executing commissions to take testimony, from the consular time charge of \$265/hour to \$309/hour plus expenses; swearing in witnesses for telephone depositions and supervising telephone depositions, from the consular time charge of \$265/hour to \$231/hour; providing seal and certification of depositions, from \$70 to \$415.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:

* Consular time charges (item 75 on the Schedule of Fees) will decrease from \$265 to \$231.

Information about passport fees, as well as how and where to apply for a U.S. passport book or card, can be found on the Embassy's website at <http://lebanon.usembassy.gov> or at Department of State's web site at www.travel.state.gov.

Americans living or traveling in Lebanon are encouraged to register with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate through the State Department's travel registration website, <https://travelregistration.state.gov/>, so that they can obtain updated information on travel and security within Lebanon. Americans without Internet access may register directly with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

For the latest security information, Americans should regularly monitor the Department's web site at <http://travel.state.gov/> where the current

Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, including the Travel Warning for Lebanon, and Travel Alerts can be found. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll free in the United States and Canada or, for callers outside the United States and Canada, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

The U.S. Embassy is located in Awkar, near Antelias, Lebanon. Public access hours for American citizens are Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. American citizens may e-mail BeirutACS@state.gov if they have questions about services provided by the section; they may also call 04 543 600 and ask for the American Citizen Services Section Mondays through Fridays between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Any American citizen in need of emergency services outside of these hours may contact the Embassy by telephone at any time. The telephone numbers are (961-4) 542-600, 543-600, and fax 544-209. Information is available on the Embassy's website at <http://lebanon.usembassy.gov>. The Arabic language website is <http://arabic.lebanon.usembassy.gov/>.