

YOUR WORKING CHECKLIST

Passports, valid visas and U.S. status dates

Does renewing a passport change my U.S. visa or immigration status?

A passport renewal and a U.S. immigration decision are different events. Department of State guidance distinguishes a valid visa in an older passport from the new passport and separately distinguishes visa validity from the authorized stay.

Check the boxes on screen or by hand. Use the notes area for records to find and questions to ask.

Your preparation checklist

- ☐ The issuing country's identity fields anchor comparisons across older and newer documents.
- ☐ An older booklet may contain travel or visa records still relevant to reconstructing events.
- ☐ Visa information has its own issuing authority and should not inherit the new passport's dates.
- ☐ The arrival-related record must be compared with the actual travel documents used.

Notes and questions to follow up

Source links and current instructions

Sources checked October 25, 2026. Follow current instructions at the linked institution.

U.S. Department of State: Visa information: frequently asked questions

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/frequently-asked-questions.html>

USCIS: I-539: Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status

<https://www.uscis.gov/i-539>

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<https://immigrantinsider.com/status/passport-validity/>

General information

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