

EMBASSY UPDATES

NEWSLETTER FOR U.S. CITIZENS IN OSLO, NORWAY



SPRING 2017

Welcome to the new Embassy!

On May 15, 2017 the US Embassy relocated to our new facility. In our new location the consular section has its own entrance which allows us to extend our service hours to the public. Visa applicants will receive services in the mornings and U.S. Citizens services will be provided in the afternoons. Clients will no longer have to compete for space but will still receive the good service you've come to expect.

Our new address is Morgedalsvegen 36 and we ask visitors to the Consular section to enter at Sørkedalsveien entrance. [Read more](#)



Photo Booth Services Now Available

The Consular Waiting Room now has a photo booth which takes 4 color photos and can be used for both passport and visa applications. The price is NOK 150 and must be paid with a credit card.

NO GLASSES IN YOUR NEW PASSPORT



No More Glasses in Passport Photos

As of November 1, 2016 customers applying for a U.S. passport are required

to remove their eyeglasses when taking a passport photo. [Read more](#)

Tax Season is here

All U.S. Citizens and Legal Permanent Residents must report worldwide income from all sources to the U.S.

Internal Revenue Service. Although you may not have to pay any U.S. tax, you must

file an annual tax return. U.S. citizens living overseas are given an automatic two-month extension to file. [Read more](#)



Social Security number and my passport application?

Having a Social Security number is now required to apply for a passport. If you do not have a number when you apply, you may file an application for a Social Security Number at the Embassy at the same time. Please contact our Federal Benefits Unit at fbu.osl@ssa.gov for more information.



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Leadership at the Embassy

Jim DeHart assumed duties as Charge d' Affaires ad interim on January 12, 2017 at the American Embassy, Oslo Norway. Currently we have no news to share about a new incoming Ambassador. [Read more about the Charge d' Affaires.](#)



Our Website Has A New Look!

We are pleased to announce our website received an upgrade in March. In addition to a new look the structure and flow has been improved to



help the public find the information they need. The upgrade was part of a globally effort to increase

consistency and aid people in their search for pertinent information. Now you will find it easier to get what you need on an U.S. Embassy website no matter where you are!

[U.S. Embassy website](#)

Change in Consular Fees

Due to an unfortunate and unforeseen change in banking procedures in Norway we can no longer accept fees paid by bank-remisse for citizen services. At this time, all applications for passports and other consular services must make payment in person at our Embassy in Oslo.

Voting– Make your Voice Heard

Voting is important every year– not just on Presidential voting years! Now all U.S. citizens can receive their blank ballots electronically and we encourage you to keep up to date. Depending on your state you may get your ballot by email, fax or internet download. Click here for more info:

www.fvap.gov

Safety and Security Notices Available on Our Website

All American Citizens registered in our Smart Enrollment Program (STEP) receive information related to procedural updates, U.S. Government reminders and security messages from the Embassy. The Embassy is required to keep the public informed of security-related events when we hear of them. This is to assure that there is no double standard. In order to limit the number of messages we send out (because we don't want to spam you), demonstration notices are posted on our website instead of sending emails to everyone enrolled in STEP. [Check here for any current messages.](#)



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