



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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United States Passports Invalid for Travel to, in, or through the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice of extension of passport travel restriction.

SUMMARY: On September 1, 2017, all U.S. passports were declared invalid for travel to, in, or through the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), unless specially validated for such travel. The restriction has been extended annually since 2017, and, if not renewed, the restriction is set to expire on August 31, 2026. This notice extends the restriction until August 31, 2027, unless extended or revoked by the Secretary of State.

DATES: The extension of the travel restriction is in effect on September 1, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Tinianow, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Passport Services, Office of Adjudication, 202-765-6517.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 1, 2017, pursuant to the authority of 22 U.S.C. 211a and Executive Order 11295 (31 FR 10603), and in accordance with 22 C.F.R. 51.63(a)(3), all U.S. passports were declared invalid for travel to, in, or through the DPRK unless specially validated for such travel. The restriction was renewed on September 1 in each year from 2018 through 2025. If not renewed again, the restriction is set to expire on August 31, 2026.

The Department of State has determined there continues to be serious risk to U.S. citizens and nationals of arrest and long-term detention constituting imminent danger to

their physical safety, as defined in 22 C.F.R. 51.63(a)(3). Accordingly, all U.S. passports shall remain invalid for travel to, in, or through the DPRK unless specially validated for such travel under the authority of the Secretary of State. This extension to the restriction of travel to the DPRK shall be effective on September 1, 2026, and shall expire August 31, 2027, unless extended or revoked by the Secretary of State.

Dated: July 02, 2026.

Marco Rubio,

Secretary of State,

U.S. Department of State.

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