FIRST-TIME APPLICATIONS (ADULTS & MINORS)

Applications may be submitted in person (BY APPOINTMENT ONLY http://www.embassyofjamaica.org/index.htm) or by mail.

Adults:

MUST APPEAR IN PERSON

- Completed Passport Application Form
- Original Birth Certificate/Adoption Certificate/Citizenship Certificate
- Original proof of name change, if name has been changed (Marriage Certificate, Deed poll, Divorce Decree, Court Order)
- Two (2) identical passport size photographs (please consult photo chart for instructions https://www.pica.gov.jm/passport/photo-requirements
- If applicant was born in Jamaica, a signed (by applicant) detailed statement outlining applicant’s entry into the USA (document used, name used, date (to the best of memory, any other pertinent details)
- Original valid ID (US passport/Green Card, US/Jamaican driver’s license, Jamaican Electoral ID) - If no ID is available, please see information regarding Declaration of Identity (DOI)
- Application Fee $115 (including mailing fee); $95 (without mailing fee)
- Mailed-in application should include self-addressed registered envelope (FEDEX, UPS, or USPS express, priority, registered or certified mail) to facilitate the return of original documents, while awaiting the processing of application.

Minors:

MUST APPEAR IN PERSON WITH PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN

- Completed Passport Application Form
- Original Birth Certificate/Adoption Certificate/Citizenship Certificate
- Original Deed Poll/Name Change document, where applicable
• Original valid ID (US passport/ Green Card, US/Jamaican driver’s license, Jamaican Electoral ID) for parent/legal guardian giving consent (guardians must submit an official document of guardianship or a signed, notarized letter from one parent (name must be on the minor’s birth certificate) and certified copy of parent’s ID.

• Original proof of name change of parent giving consent, if name has been changed (Marriage Certificate, Deed poll, Divorce Decree, Court Order)

• If applicant was born in Jamaica, a signed (by parent giving consent) detailed statement outlining applicant’s entry into the USA (document used, name used, date (to the best of memory, any other pertinent details)

• Two (2) identical passport size photographs (please consult photo chart for instructions https://www.pica.gov.jm/passport/photo-requirements

• Application Fee - $85 (including mailing fee); $65 (without mailing fee)

• Mailed-in application should include self-addressed registered envelope (FEDEX, UPS, or USPS express, priority, registered or certified mail) to facilitate the return of original documents, while awaiting the processing of application.

PROCESSING TIME
All passport applications are sent to the Passport, Immigration and Citizenship Agency (PICA), in Kingston, Jamaica for processing. In-person applications are processed within approximately 10 weeks while mailed-in applications are processed within approximately 3 months, if found to be compliant (meet all the requirements). LOST PASSPORT APPLICATIONS MAY TAKE LONGER THAN NINETY (90) DAYS.

PLEASE NOTE THAT LAMINATED, PHOTOCOPIED, OR SCANNED DOCUMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

The acceptable forms of payment are cash, or debit card (a surcharge is applied by the banking machine used for debit card) for in-person appointments, ONLY. For mailed in applications, payment must be made by way of Money Order made out to the Embassy of
Jamaica. Mailed-in applications are to be sent to: The Embassy of Jamaica, 1520 New Hampshire Ave, NW, Washington DC. 20036.