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### 1. How do you request a new Honduran passport?

The Honduran national will apply for their passport by visiting their nearest Consulate of Honduras, with their Honduran National Identity Card -*Cédula de Identidad*- (issued on or after 1996). If the applicant does not have an ID card, he or she will have to present a current and original Birth Certificate along with another Honduran document that contains the applicant's photograph, such as a driver's license, an ID card from the Seguro Social de Honduras, an ID card of INJUPEMP, an academic diploma, an expired passport that does not show any alterations or damages, or an expired ID card (*Cédula de Identidad vencida*). All these documents must be original. The cost of obtaining a passport is listed in this website.

If the applicant is younger than 21 years of age, besides the documentation mentioned above, the applicant will have to be accompanied by both parents who need to bring their ID documents. In the case that one or both parents cannot be present, the applicant has to present an original Authorization signed by both parents and certified by a Notary Public, as well as copies of both parents ID's or passports. In case one or both are deceased, the applicant will have to present original Death Certificate issued by the respective authority.

### 2. Do I need a Visa to enter Honduras? How can I apply for a Visa?

Only passport holders of the following list, require a visa to enter Honduras:

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| 1. Azerbalyán (Azerbaijan)        | 45. Niger                                    | 83. Cuba  |
| 2. Benin                          | 46. Palau                                    | 84. Asmara  |
| 3. Bhutan                         | 47. Papua Nueva Guinea                       | 85. Ethiopia, Federal Democratic Republic of            |
| 4. Burkina Faso                   | 48. Peru                                     | 86. Ghana   |
| 5. Burundi, Republic de           | 49. Central Africa Republic                  | 87. Haiti   |
| 6. Bolivia (Diplomats are exempt) | 50. Rwanda, Republic of                      | 88. Indonesia   |
| 7. Cape Verde, Republic of        | 51. Samoa                                    | 89. Iraq, Republic of                                   |
| 8. Cambodia, Kingdom of           | 52. Senegal                                  | 90. Iran, Islamic Republic                              |
| 9. Cameroon, Republic of          | 53. The State Union of Serbia and Montenegro | 91. Jordan, Hashemite Kingdom of (Diplomats are exempt) |
| 10. Chad                          | 54. Seychelles, Republic of                  | 92. Lao People's Democratic Republic                    |
| 11. Comoros                       | 55. Suriname                                 |   |
|                                   | 56. Swaziland, Kingdom of                    |   |

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| 12. Côte d'Ivoire                 | 57. Thailand, The Kingdom of                 | 93. Libanon, Republic of   |
| 13. Djibouti                      | 58. Tanzania, The United Republic of         | 94. Liberia, Republic of   |
| 14. Dominica                      | 59. Tajikistan                               | 95. Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab   |
| 15. Egypt                         | 60. Togo                                     | 96. Mali, Republic of  |
| 16. Filipinas                     | 61. Tonga                                    | 97. Mongolia   |
| 17. Gabon                         | 62. Tunisia, Republic of                     | 98. Mozambique, Republic of  |
| 18. Gambia                        | 63. Turkmenistan                             | 99. Nepal, Federal Democratic Republic of  |
| 19. Georgia                       | 64. Uganda                                   | 100. Nigeria, Federal Republic of  |
| 20. Granada                       | 65. Uzbekistán                               | 101. Sultanate of Oman   |
| 21. Guinea                        | 66. Zambia                                   | 102. Pakistan, Islamic Republic (Diplomats are exempt)   |
| 22. Guinea Bissau                 | 67. Zimbabwe                                 | 103. Sierra Leona, Republic  |
| 23. Guinea Ecuat.                 | 68. Afghanistan, Islamic Republic of         | 104. Syria, Arab Republic  |
| 24. Guyana                        | 69. Albania                                  | 105. Somalia, Republic   |
| 25. Jamaica                       | 70. Angola, Republic of                      | 106. Sri Lanka, Democratic Socialist Republic  |
| 26. Kazakhstan                    | 71. Algeria, People's Democratic Republic of | 107. Sudan, Republic   |
| 27. Kenya                         | 72. Armenia                                  | 108. East Timor  |
| 28. Kyrgyzstan                    | 73. Asmara Eritrea                           | 109. Vietnam   |
| 29. Kiribati                      | 74. Bangladesh, People's Republic            | 110. Yemen   |
| 30. Kingdom of Lesotho            | 75. Bosnia y Herzegovina                     | 111. Passport holders from the Palestinian National Authority, or other valid travel document issue by the Palestinian National Authority. |
| 31. Malawi                        | 76. Botswana                                 | 112. Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic.   |
| 32. Maldives, Republic of         | 77. People's Republic of China (PRC)         |  |
| 33. Morocco                       | 78. Congo                                    |  |
| 34. Mauricio                      | 79. Congo, Democratic Republic               |  |
| 35. Mauritania                    | 80. North Korea                              |  |
| 36. Micronesia (Federates States) |  |  |
| 37. Moldova, Republic (Moldavia)  |  |  |
| 38. Myanmar                       |  |  |
| 39. Namibia                       |  |  |
| 40. Nauru                         |  |  |

U.S. citizens do not require a visa to enter Honduras. However a valid passport is required with at least 4 months validity prior expiration date.

[www.hondurasemb.org/boletines-de-prensa/Press-release-passport-validity-for-non-Hondurans-04-06-2009.pdf](http://www.hondurasemb.org/boletines-de-prensa/Press-release-passport-validity-for-non-Hondurans-04-06-2009.pdf)

For more information on application procedures, please contact your nearest Consulate of Honduras.

To find the locations of the Consulates of Honduras, please visit the following link: <http://www.hondurasemb.org/consulados-de-honduras-en-estados-unidos.html>

### **3. What are the requirements for adoption in Honduras?**

The request is submitted through a legal representative before the Honduran Institute of Family and Childhood (Instituto Hondureño de la Niñez y la Familia –IHNFA-).

Requirements for adoption by foreigners and Hondurans living abroad:

1. The applicant must be older than 25 and younger than 51 years of age, and have a minimum of 3 years of marriage.

2. The request is presented through a legal representative before the Secretary General of the IHNFA.
3. Birth certificate of the adopting parents or any other document that can legally replace it.
4. Marriage certificate.
5. Medical certificates of physical and mental evaluations of the applicant. Lab exams for each petitioner and any biological children (if any).
6. Police records from the competent authority granted in the corresponding state.
7. Letter from employer indicating responsibilities, salary, length of employment, and benefits.
8. Socioeconomic and psychological evaluation practiced by a governmental institution or through an agency of social services that is registered with the INHFA and an agreement for a follow-up evaluation by the same institution.
9. Letter from the applicant's bank stating the balance of their account.
10. Notarized and Apostille photocopy of the real estate titles or leased contract.
11. A minimum of three (3) letters of honorability of the petitioners extended by local government, religious, and community authorities of the place of residence of the petitioners.
12. Two (2) recent color photos (4"x6") of: the petitioners, other members of the family, and the interior and exterior of the house.
13. Copy of the passports of each one of the applicants.
14. Official approval of the country of residence to adopt one or more children abroad or a certificate from immigration authorities of the country of residence of the petitioners that state that foreign adoptions are allowed.
15. Certificate issued by the Honduran Consul of the city of the petitioners that certifies that they comply with the adoption requirements according to the law of their country of origin or residency or that the adoption social service agency is officially recognized.

All documents must have an Apostille from the country of origin or residence of the petitioners and an official translation in Spanish.

### **Requirements for Hondurans and Foreigners Residing in Honduras**

1. Applicants must be older than 25 and younger than 51 years of age, and have a minimum of 3 years of marriage.
2. The request is presented through a legal representative before the Secretary General of IHNFA.
3. Birth certificate of the adopting parents or any other document that can legally replace it.
4. Marriage certificate.
5. Photocopy of ID and resident card if they are foreigners.

6. Medical certificates with physical and mental evaluations of the applicant. Lab exams for each petitioner and any biological children (if any).
7. Certificate of any criminal precedent extended in the respective domicile of each of the petitioners.
8. Letter from employer indicating responsibilities, salary, length of employment, and benefits.
9. Socioeconomic and psychological profile done by IHNFA.
10. Copies of savings accounts statements.
11. Notarized and Apostille photocopy of the real estate titles or leased contract.
12. A minimum of three (3) letters of honorability of the petitioners extended by local government, religious, and community authorities of the place of residence of the petitioners.
13. Two (2) recent color photos (4"x6") of: the petitioners, other members of the family, and the interior and exterior of the house.
14. Affidavit that states the that applicants agree to abide by the adoption rules established by the family code of Honduras.
15. If the petitioners are resident abroad they should make sure that an adopting agency of the recipient country will provide the corresponding follow-up.

All documents must be originals or authenticated photocopies.

#### **4. What do I need to do to send a corpse to Honduras?**

The majority of the funeral homes in the United States know the process. The Government of Honduras requires the presentation of the following documents:

- Death Certificate
- Certificate of embalming
- Certificate of Expenses
- Transit certificate (At the request of some airlines, some funeral homes process this certificate. It is convenient to consult with the funeral agency about the documents that they process).

The funeral home must notarize each certificate, and once they are notarized, they will need an Apostille of the Secretary of State of the state where they are located.

#### **5. What is an Apostille?**

It is a simplified means of legalizing a document. In 2004, Honduras was adhered to the Hague Convention of 1961 which establishes the Apostille as a mean of authentication of documents abroad.

In the United States of America, the document needs to be notarized and then presented to the Secretary of State of your state requesting an Apostille in order to be valid to Honduras.

## **6. What are the requirements for obtaining a residency in Honduras?**

The process should be done in Honduras through the services of an Attorney.  
The following documents should be presented:

1. At any consulate office of Honduras abroad, request of entry as an immigrant to the Republic of Honduras.
2. Sworn declaration to comply with the laws of the Republic of Honduras.
3. Certification of criminal records issued by the police department of the county where the applicant lives.
4. Health certificate extended by a recognized office or hospital on letterhead paper of the institution duly Apostilled or a medical certificate issued by a doctor in Honduras.
5. Birth certificate of the petitioner, spouse, and children if they live with the petitioner. The certification must have an Apostille.
6. Photocopy of all the pages of the applicants' passport.
7. Marriage certificate (if the spouse lives with the petitioner) with Apostille.
8. Work contract (if residence is for working purposes).
9. Certificate of monthly income. In the case of retired persons, income must not be less than \$1,500; for landlords it must not be less than \$2,500.

## **7. Information and requirements for foreign citizens to bring, handle and manage firearms in Honduras:**

The Ministry of Security requires that any institution or person (foreign and national), that wishes to bring into Honduras, any firearms for personal and security purposes, for hunting or sports practices, should comply with the following:

1. Formal Request directed to:  
Coronel Ret.  
Jorge Alberto Rodas Gamero  
Secretary of State of Security  
Address: Casamata, Tegucigalpa M.D.C., Honduras, C.A.  
Call and send information to:  
Telephone No. (504) 220-5547  
Fax (504) 220- 4352.
2. Proof of purchase properly authenticated that certifies the legal acquisition of the firearm or weapons, model, type, caliber and other characteristics.
3. Personal document issued by the appropriate authority that authorizes the applicant to bear possession and management of firearms or weapons.
4. Statement indicating the purposes of bringing the firearms or weapons, and a list including the names and ID number (Honduran National ID or

Passport number) of the person that will be carrying them during the visit in the country.

5. Specification of the means of transportation of the firearms, and document that certifies it (for example bill of lading) with an indication of estimated date and port of arrival of the firearms or weapons to Honduras
6. Payment of taxes at Customs.

**8. What are the requirements for importing/traveling with a pet into Honduras?**

There are two options:

1. If the traveler is in the U.S.:
  - a. Acquire a certificate of the latest vaccine issued by the pet's veterinarian.
  - b. Request a permit from a representative from the Department of Agriculture of the U.S. state closest to you to take the pet out of the United States.
  - c. Take the documents mentioned above to a Public Notary and obtain an Apostille from the nearest Department of State of the U.S. state closest to you so that these documents have validity in Honduras.
2. If the traveler has a representative in Honduras:
  - a. Obtain a certification from a medical veterinarian in Honduras.
  - b. Submit a request to the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (SAG) for importing the pet, accompanied by the Veterinarian Certification and the documents acquired in the U.S. mentioned in the first option above.
  - c. Pay the corresponding fees at the SAG.

The process in Honduras can last up to three days. The person responsible for the procedures in Honduras must send the permit by mail prior to the traveler's arrival or receive him/her at the airport with the permit.

If the traveler, for exceptional reasons, could not get a permit for his/her pet before the trip to Honduras, the traveler should:

- a. At arrival, provide the certificate of the pet's vaccines to the respective authorities at the airport or port of entry.
- b. Sign a commitment act, at the port of entry, in which the traveler agrees to obtain a certificate from any certified veterinarian Honduras and who will be responsible as a doctor for the pet.
- c. Submit a request to the SAG for the import permit of the pet.
- d. Pay the corresponding fees at the SAG.

This process can also last up to three days.

**9. Is a visa required for a traveler taking a cruise to Honduras?**

No visa will be required if the traveler is register as a passenger in the Cruise manifest.

**10. Do I need a passport to enter Honduras?**

If you are traveling to Honduras, please make sure that you have a valid passport. The Honduran law requires that your passport must have at least 4 months validity prior expiration date.

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