# Travel on the Visa Waiver Program (VWP)

## Information for New Member Countries

**You may be eligible for VWP travel if you can answer "YES" to all of the below questions:**

☐ **Are you a citizen or national of a Visa Waiver Program member country?**

- If you are a citizen of the **Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania,** or **the Slovak Republic**, you are eligible for VWP travel on or after **November 17, 2008**.

☐ **Does your passport meet the VWP passport requirements?**

- Machine-readable passports issued or renewed/extended on or after 10/26/06 must have an integrated chip with information from the data page (e-Passport).
- If you are a citizen of the **Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania,** or **the Slovak Republic**, you must travel on a passport with an integrated chip (e-passport) to be eligible for VWP travel. (See CBP Website below for more about e-passports.)
- Your passport must be valid for six months past your expected stay in the United States (country-specific agreements may provide exemptions).
- You must not have reported your passport lost or stolen.

☐ **Is the purpose of your stay in the United States 90 days or less for tourism or business and can you demonstrate sufficient funds to support yourself?**
**(Note: Travel for media/journalists, students, or employment is not permitted on VWP.)**

- Transit through the United States is generally permitted.
- If in doubt, check with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

☐ **Have you complied with the conditions of previous admissions to the United States and have not been found ineligible for a U.S. visa?**

- If you have been arrested, even if the arrest did not result in a criminal conviction, have a criminal record, have certain serious communicable illnesses, have been refused admission into, or have been deported from, the United States, or have previously overstayed, you may not be eligible for VWP travel and should not attempt to travel without a visa.
- If you have been refused a U.S. visa under Section 212 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, you may not be eligible for VWP travel and should contact the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate for additional information.

☐ **If arriving by air or sea, are you traveling on an approved carrier and do you have a return ticket abroad?**

- Travelers with onward tickets terminating in Mexico, Canada, Bermuda, or the Caribbean Islands must be legal permanent residents of those areas.

☐ **Do you have an approved ESTA?**

- An ESTA authorization is required for new VWP member countries as of their date of admission into the VWP program. An ESTA authorization is required for current VWP member countries as of January 12, 2009.
- See www.cbp.gov/esta for additional information on applying for an ESTA.

**About entry into the United States:** Please note that neither possession of a valid passport, nor meeting the basic requirements for traveling visa-free on the VWP, guarantees admission to the United States. As with most countries, immigration officials at the port of entry make the final determination of admissibility.

**Additional Information:**

Find a U.S. Embassy: http://www.usembassy.gov/
Department of State website: http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/without/without_1990.html
DHS/CBP VWP information: http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/id_visa/business_pleasure/vwp/vwp.xml