

From: [Paul Fuchs](#)
To: [PPTFormsOfficer](#)
Subject: Proposed form DS-5513
Date: Tuesday, November 08, 2011 5:21:06 PM

Dear Sir or Madame:

This proposal has been brought to my attention, and I have found the proposal as linked to the Federal Register. I have also located the proposed form in many places. However, the proposal and form are so unbelievable that one may suspect that it was written by George Orwell if he were still alive. So I must suspect that it is a hoax. I have been unable to go through a link from the FR proposal to the actual physical form on a .gov URL. Would you kindly supply me with the URL to a facsimile of the proposed form so I may verify that it is not a hoax.

Thank you for your prompt assistance.

Paul Fuchs
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DS-5512

From: [Steve Parker](#)
To: [PPTFormsOfficer](#)
Subject: Proposed Passport Form
Date: Monday, November 07, 2011 10:50:14 AM

Having read the new proposed form, there are two parts I find difficult to do. One is the list all residences since birth. Not a chance that I can find all that out. I am 63 and could probably list those since adulthood-certainly cities and states. All jobs? Summer vacation work during school? I can remember what I did but names and such not going to happen. For most of this I can get by with what is on my federal security clearance form. But I already have heard friends say they will have to make a lot of this up and just try to keep a copy for the next time. I understand the rationale for this but it is not near significant enough a motive for this proposed change.

Steve Parker
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From: Dawn Greenleaf
To: Garcia, Alexys A
Subject: DS-5513
Date: Thursday, November 10, 2011 4:08:17 AM

Here are my comments regarding the proposed questionnaire to be filled out in order to receive a passport:

I am stunned by it's invasiveness, I can not see any need for the information required. It is another way for the government to cloak it's motives which result in more and more loss of civil rights

~Dawn Greenleaf, American, Voter

From: [elizabeth.packard](#)
To: [Garcia, Alexys A](#)
Subject: Re: passport form - 60 day notice comments
Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2011 11:33:41 AM

Thank you for your response. Does this mean that when I renew my existing passport again, I do not have to fill out either of the supplemental questionnaires? I first applied and received a passport in the '60's, and for the past twenty years or so, I have had and renewed my passport. Thank you for your assistance. There seems to be a great deal of misunderstanding about the purpose and necessity for US citizens to fill out DS-5520 and DS-5513. Perhaps some additional information on the website that these forms appear on would be helpful.
Elizabeth Packard

From: "Garcia, Alexys A" <garciaaaa@state.gov>
To: elizabeth packard <lizpackard32@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2011 9:08 AM
Subject: RE: passport form - 60 day notice comments

Thank you for your e-mail and for inquiring about the proposed DS-5513 (Supplemental Questionnaire to Determine Entitlement for a U.S. Passport) or DS-5520 (Supplemental Questionnaire to Determine Identity for a U.S. Passport). We thank you for your interest and take this opportunity to clarify a few misconceptions about these forms.

The DS-5513 and DS-5520 are questionnaires designed to help determine the citizenship and identity, respectively, of passport applicants. The DS-5513 and the DS-5520, are not designed to replace the DS-11, Application for a U.S. Passport, but rather to supplement the application when the applicant submits evidence that is insufficient to meet his/her burden of proving citizenship or identity. The Department estimates that such supplemental information will only be requested for a small number of applicants, estimated to be less than 0.5% of applications received annually. For information on what documentation is required when submitting a DS-11, please refer to page two of the instructions.

The DS-5513 and DS-5520 are based on the original Biographical Questionnaire for a U.S. Passport, posted on the Federal Register for public comment on February 24 page (page 10421) and closed April 25.

Comments we received from the original Federal Register posting were considered, and several suggestions were incorporated into the current version of the forms. The Department split the form into two shorter forms: the DS-5520 for identity questions and the DS-5513 for entitlement. Both revised forms assure applicants that failure to answer every question will not necessarily preclude passport issuance, as the responses to the questions in the forms are considered in their entirety.

In response to comments regarding burden and privacy concerns, the proposed forms amend many of the questions to more accurately obtain the information the Department is seeking. For example, the proposed DS-5520 limits the number of past employment and residences requested. The Department also removed the question regarding past supervisors and employers' contact information based on public comment. On the DS-5513, the questions concentrate around the time of the applicant's birth and there are no longer any questions seeking information about periods of time beyond the applicant's 18th birthday.

The Department also received comments that expressed concern over the ability of an applicant who is adopted or elderly to answer the DS-5513's questions on birth circumstances. The form asks a wide range of questions related to the circumstances and facts surrounding an applicant's birth in order to accommodate the various

situations in which Americans are born, whether hospital, home birth, non-institutional birth, etc. The Department realizes that most information an applicant supplies for this questionnaire surrounding his/her birth will likely come from other sources and takes this into account during the adjudication process. In addition, many of these questions may not apply to some applicants; however, in those instances where the questions are relevant, the supplemental form gives the applicant an opportunity to provide additional information that may support passport issuance.

We hope the above information addresses any concerns you may have.

Thank you!

Alexys Garcia

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From: elizabeth packard [mailto:lizpackard32@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, November 07, 2011 10:59 AM

To: PPTFormsOfficer

Subject: Fw: passport form - 60 day notice comments

--- On **Mon, 11/7/11**, **elizabeth packard** <lizpackard32@yahoo.com> wrote:

Date: Monday, November 7, 2011, 8:54 AM

To Whom it May Concern:

I am certain that the hardworking civil servants who collaborated on this proposed passport form did not intend to create an unworkable document.

Unfortunately, they did.

Although I have had a passport since I was 21 years old, I would not be able to obtain a passport using this form. Since I have two residences in Mexico and one in Ecuador, and since my grandchildren live in Australia, I would find not being able to have a passport to be a considerable inconvenience.

I am 67 years old. My parents are both dead. When I was a child, I attended 13 schools before I graduated high school. I would be unable to fill out the extensive information that is required on the "schools attended and addresses of homes lived in since birth."

In addition, since graduating from high school I have moved at least 12 more times.

Now how could I find all of those addresses? I have lived in Tucson for the past 28 years, so I could find the six addresses where I have lived in Tucson, but can I find the three

addresses I had in Phoenix and Scottsdale for the six years I lived there? And what about the apartments I lived in when going to USC in Los Angeles 45 years ago? What about the three addresses I had in Newport Beach 40 years ago? What about my apartment in Long Beach 38 years ago?

So, what are my options? I can not fill in what I don't know and have no way of knowing. I am sure that there are hundreds of thousands of people just like me who do not have this sort of information. And why should they?

You are putting many people in the position of having to omit information and then verify that they are giving full information.

Suggest you re-think the format of this document.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Packard

Tucson, Arizona

Sonora, Mexico

Vilcabamba, Ecuador

From: [Sarah Monday](#)
To: [PPTFormsOfficer](#)
Subject: DS 5513
Date: Sunday, November 13, 2011 3:04:46 PM

Title of Information Collection: Supplemental Questionnaire to Determine Entitlement for a U.S. Passport.

Dear Sir or Madame:

This proposal to change the US passport application form has been brought to my attention, and I have found the proposal as linked to the Federal Register. I have also located the proposed form in many places. I am 76 years old, and born in the United States. I would not be able to give the information on all the addresses in which I have resided during all those years or all the many jobs I have had (although much of that information would be available through my social security records).

I consider this application form to be very invasive and cumbersome. Why don't you do what the Canadians do for identification of those applying for passports. They require two witnesses to sign that they have known the applicant for 2 years. One of the witnesses must be a professional such as a doctor, lawyer, notary public, etc.

I have sent a copy of this letter to my representative in the House and my senator.

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Ellen

From: Pam Gaffin
To: [PPTFormsOfficer](#)
Subject: DS5513
Date: Wednesday, November 09, 2011 10:34:49 AM

Good Morning,

Concerning Form DS5513:

Will everyone applying for a passport have to complete this form?
If not, who will have to complete it.

Will it be needed for a renewal of a passport? If yes, what basis
will it be required on.

Thank you
Pam Gaffin
Pam@viaccess.net

From: [Françoise Evans](#)
To: [PPTFormsOfficer](#)
Subject: DS5513 Supplemental Questionnaire to Determine Entitlement for a US passport OMB control number: none
Date: Monday, November 07, 2011 6:59:11 PM

I studied in great depth the current proposal of a :
Supplemental Questionnaire to Determine Entitlement for a US passport.
Form DS5513
OMB Control number: none

The United States of America pride themselves in being a free country. As a U.S. citizen, I shouldn't have to justify why I want to have a US passport.

Any US citizen should be able to apply and obtain a passport based on such basic data as Name, birthdate, home address and telephone number and an ID photo.

Furthermore, the information that citizens would have to provide in order to justify the need to have a passport is not relevant. For instance, why would my mother's address one year before she gave birth to me is of importance? What about those of us whose parents have died? Who do suffer from dementia or Alzheimer's? Would a normal person even recall such information?

At this point, it would take all of us applicants years to fill out these forms accurately if even then. Worse, it is a blatant attempt by the government at invading US citizens privacy , at controlling in every way our freedom to come and go from the United States and to keep track of our every movement from birth to death, and at depriving them of their liberties.

This is a prime example of the misuse of tax dollars... I cannot believe my tax dollars could be used in such ludicrous way...

Françoise Evans

From: [John F. Bigelow](#)
To: [PPTFormsOfficer](#)
Subject: Comment: DS-5513, Supplemental Questionnaire to Determine Entitlement for a U.S. Passport.
Date: Thursday, December 01, 2011 12:10:55 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am 56 years old. This proposed questionnaire would make it impossible to renew my passport. I have no way of asking parents who are dead where they resided prior to my birth. I don't remember the sorts of information this proposal demands, I can't even remember names of my sister's grandchildren for God's sake. The Supplemental Questionnaire is designed to be impossible to comply with and actually limit citizen's travel. Do not adopt DS-5513. It is unreasonably burdensome at best, another step to a police state at worst.

Sincerely,

John F. Bigelow
New Prague, MN.

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From: [Karl S](#)
To: [PPTFormsOfficer](#)
Subject: DS-5133 Public comment
Date: Saturday, December 31, 2011 1:53:08 PM

I understand the need to verify whether a person is legitimate before giving him/her a passport. The requirements needed to get a passport must be valid and attainable and the rules for getting a passport should be equally valid to all applying.

I recently applied for a passport and was asked to provide the following information:

- • 5 personal documents which are 5 years or older that include either a name or a signature
- • The address of every place I ever lived, and the years I lived there
- • The name and address of every job I ever had, my supervisors name and phone # and when I worked there
- • All of my families information on when and where they were born
- • When and where I was baptized
- • The name, and address of every school I attended and when I attended

I also had to list where I live now, and my Social Security #

All of this had to be mailed to a location that I can't even contact. Needless to say, if this information did not make it to its final location I would have easily lost my identity; as someone with ill intentions would know everything about me.

What if I am adopted, or my parents died, or I was born at home? I would be missing important parts of the requirements. Then how would I get a passport?

I couldn't come up with 5 pieces of identification that are 5 year or older that have the information requested. That said, I was told to "do the best I can". Then it is up to the person reviewing my application whether it is good enough.

It shouldn't be a guessing game whether or not a person gets approved for a passport. There needs to be black and white guidelines. Without clear guidelines you allow for discrimination in the process and discrimination will open the pathway to lawsuits down the road.

It took nearly 10 hours (or 600 minutes) to gather this information, far greater than the 85 minutes estimated. How long will it take someone to review the 20 pages of documents I sent in? With a 1.5 Trillion dollar deficit; does the government really have the resources (funds) to commit to this endeavor?

From: [Donald Overlander](#)
To: [PPTFormsOfficer](#)
Subject: Comments on DS5513: Supplemental Questionnaire to Determine Entitlement for a U.S. Passport
Date: Wednesday, November 02, 2011 12:30:31 PM

Comments on the following [as displayed here](#).

Title of Information Collection: "Supplemental Questionnaire to Determine Entitlement for a U.S. Passport"

OMB Control Number: None

Form Number: DS-5513

As an example of non-unique cases that this will apply to: Home-birthed, and home-schooled children - following the required laws of their respective states very often are cases of Delayed Birth records being filed and very little 'certifiable' school records - regardless of the thoroughness and completeness of those records.

Additionally, low to no medical records is often the case for these families as they tend to be healthier in general. Finally there is no requirement to obtain a SSN as a matter of citizenship, making the request for this information as a form of identification merely supportive.

As I have received one of the "unofficial" and thus optional(?) forms from the agency, and have been dealing with the application process over the course of SIX YEARS (!) even though my spouse and I are US citizens, I have a fairly good frame of reference for the following objections to this form:

1) As the obtainment of a Social Security Number (SSN) is not a legal requirement in the United States - requiring it on a form that potentially restricts a US Citizen's Right to travel is an unacceptable form of coercion by the Federal Government on it's citizen's expectation to be left alone. In fact the base application already requires this information - and supplies a resolution in the case of citizens NOT having said SSN.

2) Requiring the delineation of relatives is either

a) redundant This information should either be available to the agents processing the application via Census records or Tax records as a matter of due process, the understanding that permission to access this information is granted by the application for a passport.

b) ultimately moot, as the parents are already required to file evidence of their status as US citizens on the standard application.

3) Section C is also redundant, as approval and submission of a Standard, or Delayed, Birth Certificate from a US State or possession should be considered as sufficient since much of the information requested on the form must have been supplied in order to obtain the Birth Record. Further, the supplemental information (mother's work history, and pre/post partum treatment, etc) has no bearing on the child's status as a citizen.


4) Section D, E, and F - are onerous, and moot. Any search of public records would return much of this data to a lay person with internet access, to expect that Federal Government Offices have less ability to obtain this information stretches the bounds of common sense into the intentionally onerous and potentially 'Jim Crow' like in its relevance. And as a matter of course, the access to this information should be

considered granted for the duration necessary to process the standard application.

Such a "Supplemental Worksheet" as DS-5513, should either be considered as required of all applicants (in which case your estimates are extremely low), or not required at all (as much of the information is required in the course of obtaining other supporting documentation).

In either case consideration of this data collection should result in a denial of OMB approval as either too onerous in the case of uniform application, or unnecessary in the case of ancillary documentation.

Donald S Overlander

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whether you really need a hard copy.

From: [Richard Haefer](#)
To: [PPTFormsOfficer](#)
Subject: DS-5513 comment
Date: Monday, November 07, 2011 12:36:58 PM

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our functions.

RESPONSE

Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

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J. Richard Haefer
AZ State Univ., School of Music, Emeritus
Mariachi Corazon de Phoenix
"The Pride of Phoenix"

From: [Ted](#)
To: [PPTFormsOfficer](#)
Subject: Title of Information Collection: Supplemental Questionnaire to Determine Entitlement for a U.S. Passport
Date: Monday, November 07, 2011 5:27:07 PM

Title of Information Collection: Supplemental Questionnaire to Determine Entitlement for a U.S. Passport

OMB Control Number: None

Form Number: DS-5513

The information requested on this form would be extremely difficult, if not impossible, for an individual to gather. It is also highly invasive and insulting to request much of this information. Having provided sufficient proof of birth as is now required for issuing a passport is as much information as the government needs to determine an individuals right to have a passport issued.

Theodore C. Schabacker

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From: [elizabeth packard](#)
To: [PPTFormsOfficer](#)
Subject: Fw: passport form - 60 day notice comments
Date: Monday, November 07, 2011 10:59:26 AM

--- On **Mon, 11/7/11**, elizabeth packard <lizpackard32@yahoo.com> wrote:

Date: Monday, November 7, 2011, 8:54 AM

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three addresses I had in Newport Beach 40 years ago? What about my apartment in Long Beach 38 years ago?

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Sincerely,

Elizabeth Packard

Tucson, Arizona

Sonora, Mexico

Vilcabamba, Ecuador

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From: [Gail Morden](#)
To: [PPTFormsOfficer](#)
Subject: Proposed Supplemental Passport Information Form
Date: Monday, November 07, 2011 6:29:28 PM

Are you people kidding? I am 71 years old. My parents have been dead for a number of years. I have no idea what the answers to the questions on the proposed form might be. I can't even give you all the addresses at which I have lived during my 52 years of marriage. My children and grandchildren would be equally hard pressed to answer the questions on this form.

And how on earth could you ever hope to validate the information even if I were able to provide it. I have done a little family genealogy research and I know that much of this information is simply not available anywhere for the first half of the 20th century. The Mormon Church has been doing this for decades and they don't have anything like this much history available for people in the US, never mind for people who were not born here.

And by what agency would you be able to process all of this paperwork? The Congressional Budget is being cut at every turn and yet this proposed form would increase paperwork a hundred, no a thousand-fold for no useful purpose and would divert funds from much needed programs.

My mind boggles. I will be writing to my representatives in Congress as well as to the President to protest this insane misuse of Federal Funds.

Gail A. Morden

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From: [Gabrielle Silva](#)
To: [PPTFormsOfficer](#)
Subject: COMMENT - BIOGRAPHICAL QUESTIONNAIRE FOR A U.S. PASSPORT
Date: Tuesday, November 08, 2011 12:58:06 PM

Dear Department of State Representative:

After reviewing the new proposed questionnaire to apply for a U.S. Passport I believe that the form and information request from each individual is excessive and an invasion of privacy. An individual should not need to provide detail information about their parents, stepfamily, siblings, etc. Many of these questions become excessive and a burden as they are almost impossible to answer by the individual applying for a U.S. Passport. If your parents are deceased, divorce, unknown or incapacitated there is no manner of obtaining the information that is being requested.

In addition, a mother's personal care is personal and such questions invade the privacy of the individual. The questions asked regarding the circumstances of the birth of the applicant are completely impossible to answer, and if answers are provided they become irrelevant because they are provided through hearsay.

I hope these comments are taken into consideration, and this form gets rejected in its present form.

Regards,

Gabrielle Silva

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From: [Linda Andersson](#)
To: [PPTFormsOfficer](#)
Subject: new passport regulations
Date: Monday, November 14, 2011 12:57:26 PM

Help! My family has died except for me and my daughters and our cousins. How can I ever know or remember all of the information about them?

I have my birth certificate, my social security card, and I know where I graduated from high school and college. But my father was in the Army, and I will never, ever be able to find the names of all of the schools I have attended. And as a former school teacher and counselor, I know that some kids have moved a lot and will never be able to remember all of their schools, either.

If these regulations are to stop terrorism, then please focus on those not born here. You have access to all of the computer information about everyone born here, so please focus on someone who could in any way be suspect. My daughter works for an American company in London, and I need a passport to visit her. I can't believe, after all of these years paying taxes and working in my country and for my country, that I may be in danger of losing my passport.

This has to be a joke. Why after a lifetime of supporting my country in every possible way would my country make it so impossible for us citizens to renew our passport? Really: why?

Linda Andersson
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From: [Ava Gutierrez](#)
To: [PPTFormsOfficer](#)
Subject: Changes to the passport document
Date: Tuesday, November 08, 2011 5:21:09 PM

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I came to this country from Havana, Cuba in 1949 with my mother, Dr. Asela Gutierrez. She was hired by Oklahoma College for Women to teach in their Spanish Department. She became a naturalized citizen, and I became a citizen prior to the age of 12.

I have no clue as to my addresses in Cuba, nor do I have any idea of who was in attendance at my birth, nor do I have a clue as to the places where I resided growing up in Chickasha, Oklahoma or in Los Angeles, California prior to my being an adult.

This proposed form is invasive and troublesome. What happens when I want to renew my passport? Am I denied a new one if I cannot recall where I lived in the 40s? Or where I lived when I first came to the U.S. as a second grader? I am now 70 years of age and I have not been in Cuba since 1956 so this is a terrible hardship to impose on a citizen.

I'm sure that you are going to get a lot of feedback on this new form – and my guess is that it will be mostly negative.

Sincerely,

Ava Gutierrez-Overstreet

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From: [Phoenix Hocking](#)
To: [PPTFormsOfficer](#)
Subject: Proposed passport application
Date: Tuesday, November 08, 2011 3:21:30 PM

Is this a hoax? I'm referring to the proposed passport application. How many people do you know that will have that kind of information? I mean, how the heck would you know where your mother was living a year before you were born? Especially if your parents are no longer living? This is insane! And yes, you can quote me on that!

Phoenix Hocking
955 Hartford St.
Cambria, CA 93428

From: [Annabelle Herbert](#)
To: [PPTFormsOfficer](#)
Subject: Proposed form for passport renewal
Date: Monday, November 07, 2011 12:31:25 PM

To whom it may concern:

Regarding form DS5513, BIOGRAPHICAL QUESTIONNAIRE FOR A U.S. PASSPORT,
OMB 1405-XXXX

This new proposed passport renewal form is the most unnecessarily invasive questionnaire I've ever seen! I am a 5th generation Californian and even for my children -also born in California, many questions are difficult to answer at best. This form is Big Brother at it's WORST! Most of it is none of anyone's business!

My suggestion is to keep it SIMPLE. Unnecessary questions include the following:

Section B: Stepfather, siblings and children are unnecessary.

5. Why?

7. "

8. "

9. You tell ME what doctor my mother saw and what appointment dates she had back in the 1940s! I mean REALLY!

10. is ambiguous. My mother was born in the U.S., didn't need a document and didn't need to enter. I don't see similar questions about fathers. Isn't that discrimination?!

11. WHY is this necessary?

12. ditto, Also religious information is none of your business.

Section D: NONE of your business!

Section E: You would need more pages for my employment, and it's none of your business anyway!

Section F: Also NOYB.

MOST Sincerely,
Annabelle Herbert