



## 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)**

**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 was extended for one year in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 and, if not renewed, the restriction is set to expire on August 31, 2023.

This notice extends the restriction until August 31, 2024, unless extended or revoked by the Secretary of State.

**DATES:** The extension of the travel restriction is in effect on September 1, 2023.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On September 1, 2017, pursuant to the authority of 22 U.S.C. 211a and E.O. 11295 (31 FR 10603), and in accordance with 22 CFR 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, 2018, September 1, 2019, September 1, 2020, September 1, 2021 and again for another year effective September 1, 2022. If not renewed again, the restriction is set to expire on August 31, 2023.

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 CFR 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, 2023, and shall expire August 31, 2024, unless extended or revoked by the Secretary of State.

Dated: August 1, 2023.

**Antony J. Blinken,**

*Secretary of State.*

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