

CBP Bus APIS Document Guidance



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Executive Summary

To better facilitate commercial bus travel, voluntary Advance Passenger Information System (APIS) manifests can be submitted to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) for buses arriving in or departing from certain United States ports of entry. These electronically submitted manifests are to include all travelers (passengers and crew) aboard each bus.

This guide provides information pertaining to some of the most common travel documents bus carriers may encounter when collecting manifest information for submission to CBP. It does not address the validity of documents for land border crossings into and out of the United States. Additional information on acceptable documents is available on the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) website at www.getyouhome.gov. Carriers can also refer to the Carrier Information Guide at http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/inspections_carriers_facilities/carrier_info_guide/.

This guide is designed to serve as a reference aid and is intended as general guidance to assist persons responsible for submitting bus APIS data with the submission of document information. It is not intended to cover every possible document that may be submitted. This document does not create or confer any right or benefit on any person or party, private or public.

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I. General Document Information

A variety of documents can be used to enter the United States from Canada and Mexico. The CBP officer at the U.S. port of entry will make the determination as to the validity of the document(s) presented by the traveler for admission to the United States.

In order to avoid delays, it is prudent for the carrier collecting the document information to compare the travel document presented by the traveler with the travel document information it is transmitting to CBP to ensure that the information is correct, the document appears to be valid for travel to the United States, and the traveler is the person to whom the travel document was issued. The most common documents that the carrier will likely encounter are passports, passport cards, permanent resident cards, enhanced driver's licenses, and visas.

Carriers are encouraged to submit passport information if the traveler has a passport. In the event that a traveler does not have a passport, another Department of Homeland Security (DHS) - approved travel document can be submitted in lieu of the passport. Only one document will be submitted for each traveler.

II. Specific Document Submission Data

Bus APIS submissions will generally include the traveler's full name, date of birth, gender, DHS-approved travel document type, number, and country of issuance. All document data should reflect the information from the travel document biographical page.

The full name consists of last, first, and, if available, middle name, exactly as it is shown on the travel document. Do not include any letters with diacritical marks (such as ñ, é, or ü) in the APIS manifest. Instead, substitute common English letters (such as n, e, or u). Only American Standard Code for Information Interchange (ASCII) letters are acceptable. The only special characters that can be included in a name are the apostrophe (') and hyphen (-).

The document type is a one to three character code, alphanumeric only. Do not include any special characters. Specific codes for each document can be found in Appendix I – Document Codes and Descriptions.

The document number is the unique number that identifies the document. This is alphanumeric only. Do not include any special characters or spaces.

The document country of issuance will be submitted as a three-character code. A list of codes can be found in Appendix II – Country Codes.



U.S. Permanent Resident Card:

Lawful Permanent Residents of the U.S. can present a Permanent Resident Card for admission to the United States. This document is commonly referred to as a “Green Card.” Alternatively, it may be referred to as an Alien Resident Card. The most commonly encountered versions are shown here.



The MRZ's on these documents have the same format as the U.S. passport card shown previously.

Resident cards from countries other than the U.S. are not valid for admission to the United States.

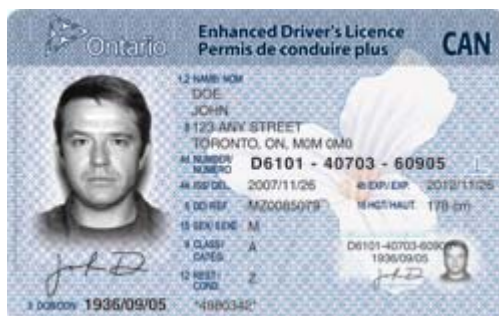
Enhanced Driver's License:

An enhanced driver's license is a driver's license that can also be used as a cross-border travel document to enter the U.S. by land. It denotes both identity and citizenship, per the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative.

The following U.S. states are currently issuing this type of WHTI-compliant document:
Michigan, New York, Vermont, and Washington.



The following Canadian provinces are currently issuing this type of WHTI-compliant document:
British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario, and Quebec.

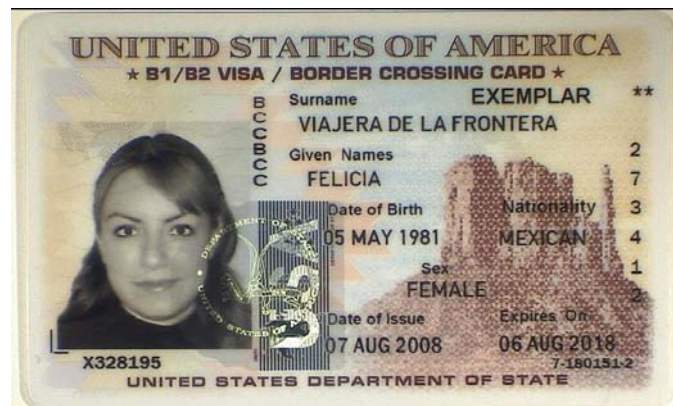


The MRZ on an enhanced driver's license is found on the reverse side and has the same format as the U.S. passport card shown previously. See www.getyouhome.gov for the most current information on enhanced driver's license issuance.

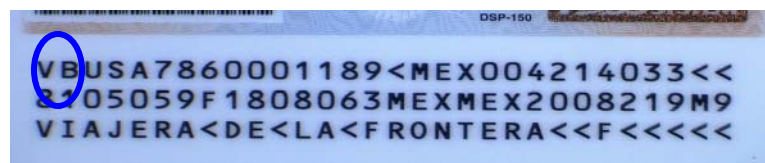
U.S. Visa:

Many U.S. visas are inserted into the passport of the visa holder. In this case, the information that should be transmitted in the APIS manifest is the passport data.

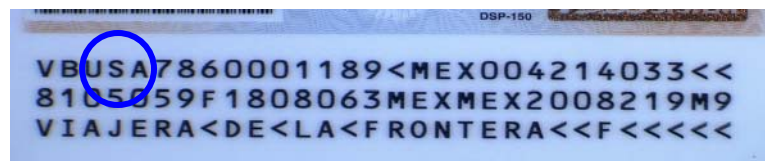
In the event that the visa is not inserted into a passport and no passport information is available, the visa data should be sent. The most common example of this is the DSP-150 B1/B2 visa/Border Crossing Card (BCC). This visa is only issued to applicants who are citizens of and resident in Mexico.



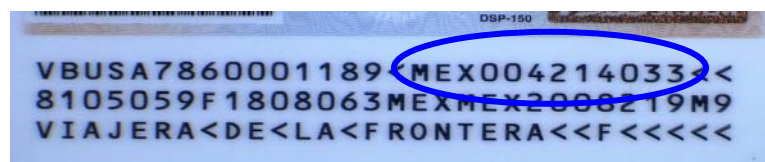
The MRZ on the BCC is on the reverse side and has the same format as the U.S. passport card, but the document number to be used should be the second set of numbers after the Country of Issuance as shown below.



Document Type



Country of Issuance



Document Number – include the leading letters

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Although the document examples included in this guide are not a comprehensive list, the examples given can be applied to other ICAO-compliant documents. MRZ's will generally be two lines or three lines. The U.S. passport is an example of a two line MRZ and the U.S. passport card is an example of a three line MRZ.

APIS Guide Updates:

The most recent version of this guide can be found at:

http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/inspections_carriers_facilities/apis/bus_apis/.

Contact Information:

Please direct all questions, comments, or concerns about this guide to the National Bus APIS Account Manager at BusAPIS@DHS.gov.

Appendix I: Document Codes and Descriptions

Travel Document Names and Codes in this table are not valid for all ports of entry. Verify which documents are valid for land, sea or air ports of entry at www.getvouhome.gov.	
<u>Travel Document Name</u>	<u>Code</u>
U.S. ALIEN REGISTRATION CARD	A
U.S. ALIEN REGISTRATION CARD (1998 - 2003)	A1
U.S. ALIEN REGISTRATION CARD	A2
PERMANENT RESIDENT CARD	C
PERMANENT RESIDENT CARD (1998 - 2003)	C1
PERMANENT RESIDENT CARD	C2
DRIVER LICENSE	DL
BIRTH CERTIFICATE	FB
FACILITATION DOCUMENT	FD
ENHANCED DRIVER'S LICENSE (EDL)	ID
FAST CARD	IF
GLOBAL ENTRY CARD	IG
NEXUS CARD	IN
U.S. PASSPORT CARD	IP
SENTRI CARD	IS
FOREIGN MARINER DOCUMENT	MC
U.S. MERCHANT MARINER DOCUMENT	MD
MILITARY ID DOCUMENT	MG
NATURALIZATION CERTIFICATE	N
NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN/INAC	ND
PASSPORT	P
REENTRY PERMIT (BEGINNING 2009)	PRU
REFUGEE TRAVEL (BEGINNING 2009)	PTU
DHS REFUGEE TRAVEL DOCUMENT	TP
DHS RE-ENTRY PERMIT	TR
LASER VISA - BCC	VB
VISA IMMIGRANT	VI
VISA NON-IMMIGRANT	VN

Appendix II: Country Codes

Country Name / Location Description	3-Char Code
CANADA	CAN
MEXICO	MEX
UNITED STATES	USA
AFGHANISTAN	AFG
ALBANIA	ALB
ALGERIA	DZA
AMERICAN SAMOA	ASM
ANDORRA	AND
ANGOLA	AGO
ANGUILLA	AIA
ANTARCTICA	ATA
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA	ATG
ANTILLES (NETHERLANDS)	ANT
ARGENTINA	ARG
ARMENIA	ARM
ARUBA	ABW
AUSTRALIA	AUS
AUSTRIA	AUT
AZERBAIJAN	AZE
BAHAMAS	BHS
BAHRAIN	BHR
BANGLADESH	BGD
BARBADOS	BRB
BELARUS	BLR
BELGIUM	BEL
BELIZE	BLZ
BENIN	BEN
BERMUDA	BMU
BHUTAN	BTN
BOLIVIA	BOL
BONAIRE, ST EUSTATIUS, SABA	BES
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	BIH
BOTSWANA	BWA
BOUVET ISLAND	BVT
BRAZIL	BRA
BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY	IOT
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	BRN
BULGARIA	BGR
BURKINA FASO	BFA
BURUNDI	BDI
CAMBODIA (FORMER KAMPUCHEA)	KHM
CAMEROON	CMR
CAPE VERDE	CPV
CAYMAN ISLANDS	CYM
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	CAF

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CHAD	TCD
CHILE	CHL
CHINA (MAINLAND)	CHN
CHINA (TAIWAN)	TWN
CHRISTMAS ISLAND	CXR
COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS	CCK
COLOMBIA	COL
COMOROS	COM
CONGO, DEM REPUBLIC OF THE (FORMER ZAIRE)	COD
CONGO, REPUBLIC OF THE	COG
COOK ISLANDS	COK
COSTA RICA	CRI
CROATIA	HRV
CUBA	CUB
CURACAO	CUW
CYPRUS	CYP
CZECH REPUBLIC	CZE
DENMARK	DNK
DJIBOUTI	DJI
DOMINICA	DMA
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	DOM
ECUADOR	ECU
EGYPT	EGY
EL SALVADOR	SLV
ERITREA	ERI
ESTONIA	EST
ETHIOPIA	ETH
FALKLAND ISLANDS	FLK
FAROE ISLANDS	FRO
FIJI	FJI
FINLAND	FIN
FRANCE	FRA
FRENCH GUIANA	GUF
GABON	GAB
GAMBIA, THE	GMB
GEORGIA	GEO
GERMANY (FORMER EAST) DEM REP	DDR
GERMANY (UNIFIED, FORMER WEST) FED REP	DEU
GHANA	GHA
GIBRALTAR	GIB
GREECE	GRC
GREENLAND	GRL
GRENADA	GRD
GUADELOUPE	GLP
GUAM	GUM
GUATEMALA	GTM
GUINEA	GIN
GUINEA, EQUATORIAL	GNQ

GUINEA-BISSAU	GNB
GUYANA	GUY
HAITI	HTI
HEARD AND MCDONALD ISLANDS	HMD
HONDURAS	HND
HONG KONG SAR	HKG
HUNGARY	HUN
ICELAND	ISL
INDIA	IND
INDONESIA	IDN
IRAN	IRN
IRAQ	IRQ
IRELAND	IRL
ISRAEL	ISR
ITALY	ITA
IVORY COAST (COTE D'IVOIRE)	CIV
JAMAICA	JAM
JAPAN	JPN
JORDAN	JOR
KAZAKHSTAN	KAZ
KENYA	KEN
KIRIBATI	KIR
KOREA, DEM REP (NORTH)	PRK
KOREA, REPUBLIC (SOUTH)	KOR
KOSOVO	RKS
KUWAIT	KWT
KYRGYZSTAN	KGZ
LAOS	LAO
LATVIA	LVA
LEBANON	LBN
LESOTHO	LSO
LIBERIA	LBR
LIBYA	LBY
LIECHTENSTEIN	LIE
LITHUANIA	LTU
LUXEMBOURG	LUX
MACAO (MACAU)	MAC
MACEDONIA	MKD
MADAGASCAR (FORMER MALAGASY)	MDG
MALAWI	MWI
MALAYSIA	MYS
MALDIVES	MDV
MALI	MLI
MALTA	MLT
MARIANA ISLANDS, NORTHERN	MNP
MARSHALL ISLANDS	MHL
MARTINIQUE	MTQ
MAURITANIA	MRT

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MAURITIUS	MUS
MAYOTTE	MYT
MICRONESIA, FEDERATED STATES OF	FSM
MOLDOVA	MDA
MONACO	MCO
MONGOLIA	MNG
MONTENEGRO	MNE
MONTSERRAT	MSR
MOROCCO	MAR
MOZAMBIQUE	MOZ
MYANMAR (FORMER BURMA)	MMR
NAMIBIA	NAM
NAURU	NRU
NEPAL	NPL
NETHERLANDS	NLD
NEW CALEDONIA	NCL
NEW ZEALAND	NZL
NICARAGUA	NIC
NIGER	NER
NIGERIA	NGA
NIUE	NIU
NORFOLK ISLAND	NFK
NORWAY	NOR
OMAN	OMN
PAKISTAN	PAK
PALAU	PLW
PALESTINE (GAZA STRIP / WEST BANK)	PSE
PANAMA	PAN
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	PNG
PARAGUAY	PRY
PERU	PER
PHILIPPINES	PHL
PITCAIRN ISLAND	PCN
POLAND	POL
POLYNESIA (FRENCH)	PYF
PORTUGAL	PRT
PUERTO RICO	PRI
QATAR	QAT
ROMANIA	ROU
RUSSIA	RUS
RWANDA	RWA
SAINT HELENA	SHN
SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS	KNA
SAINT LUCIA	LCA
SAINT PIERRE AND MIQUELON	SPM
SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	VCT
SAMOA	WSM
SAN MARINO	SMR

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SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE	STP
SAUDI ARABIA	SAU
SENEGAL	SEN
SERBIA	SRB
SEYCHELLES	SYC
SIERRA LEONE	SLE
SINGAPORE	SGP
SINT MAARTEN	SXM
SLOVAKIA	SVK
SLOVENIA	SVN
SOLOMON ISLANDS	SLB
SOMALIA	SOM
SOUTH AFRICA, REPUBLIC OF	ZAF
SOUTH SUDAN	SSD
SPAIN	ESP
SRI LANKA (FORMER CEYLON)	LKA
SUDAN	SDN
SURINAME	SUR
SVALBARD AND JAN MAYEN	SJM
SWAZILAND	SWZ
SWEDEN	SWE
SWITZERLAND	CHE
SYRIA	SYR
TAJIKISTAN	TJK
TANZANIA	TZA
THAILAND	THA
TIMOR-LESTE (EAST TIMOR)	TLS
TOGO	TGO
TOKELAU	TKL
TONGA	TON
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	TTO
TUNISIA	TUN
TURKEY	TUR
TURKMENISTAN	TKM
TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS	TCA
TUVALU	TUV
UGANDA	UGA
UKRAINE	UKR
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	ARE
UNITED KINGDOM - BRITISH CITIZEN (NORMAL)	GBR
UNITED KINGDOM - BRITISH NATIONAL OVERSEAS	GBN
UNITED KINGDOM - BRITISH OVERSEAS CITIZEN	GBO
UNITED KINGDOM - BRITISH OVERSEAS TERRITORIES CITIZEN	GBD
UNITED KINGDOM - BRITISH PROTECTED PERSON	GBP
UNITED KINGDOM - BRITISH SUBJECT	GBS
UNITED STATES MINOR OUTLYING ISLANDS	UMI
UNKNOWN	XXX
URUGUAY	URY

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UZBEKISTAN	UZB
VANUATU	VUT
VATICAN CITY (HOLY SEE)	VAT
VENEZUELA	VEN
VIETNAM	VNM
VIRGIN ISLANDS (BRITISH)	VGB
VIRGIN ISLANDS (UNITED STATES)	VIR
WALLIS AND FUTUNA	WLF
WESTERN SAHARA	ESH
YEMEN	YEM
YUGOSLAVIA - FORMER	YUG
ZAMBIA	ZMB
ZIMBABWE	ZWE