

FAQ ON PASSPORT

1: What is the process of apply/Re-issue of an Indian Passport?

Please follow the procedure outlined in Apply for Passport section at the website.

2: What Documents are required to be submitted with application?

Please see the check lists for passport application for complete list of documents required. Some documents are mandatory , while some additional documents may be required for specific cases (e.g., change of name, address, or appearance).(please visit our check lists).

3: What are the requirements for a passport for a child born in the Netherlands?:

Please see the Passport checklist 1 for issuing fresh (new born) passport for complete list of documents.

4 How many days does it take to receive a Passport after the status “*your passport has been printed and being forwarded to the Embassy/Consulate. The Embassy/Consulate will contact you once they receive the passport for dispatch*” ?

A: Usually it takes around 10-12 working days to receive your Passport after the above mentioned status. Please note Embassy is not in a position to expedite to process.

5 . What should NRIs/Tourist do if their passport is lost, stolen, or damaged?

A: **For NRIs** :- File a police report for the lost/stolen passport.

Apply for a renewal of passport (Refer Passport Checklist 2 for Renewal of Passport)

For Tourists :- Apply for EC (Refer our Website under the heading Emergency Certificate) OR apply for Short Validity Passport, It will take 10 to 12 working day to get new short validity (one year) Passport.

6 Can NRIs change personal particulars (e.g., name, address, or spouse's name) on their passport

A: Yes, they can. Please visit the Passport Checklist 2 for Renewal of Passport in this regard.

7 Can NRIs apply for a Tatkal (expedited) passport service?

A: Tatkal service is not available at the Embassy of India, The Hague. Passport processing may take 4-6 weeks and be subject to Police verification clearance from concerned Police authorities.

8 What is an Emergency Certificate, and when is it issued and How can it be applied?

A: An Emergency Certificate is a one-way travel document issued to Indian nationals for return to India.

The application for online application [form](#) for the EC may be submitted directly at the Embassy (Oranjestraat 12. 2514JB The Hague, The Netherlands) on any working day between 9:30-12:30.

Please refer to our Website under the heading Emergency Certificate for more details

9 Can NRIs retain their Indian passport after acquiring Dutch citizenship?

A: No, Indian law does not allow dual citizenship. If an NRI acquires Dutch citizenship, they must surrender their Indian passport. They may apply for an OCI (Overseas Citizen of India) card for visa-free travel to India. The OCI card provides most NRI privileges.

10 -What are the photo specifications for an Indian passport?

A: Photographs 35mm x 45mm (width x height), with a light background (click [here](#) for photo specifications and [SOP](#)).

11 Do I need to enclose my original passport with my passport application? What if I have to travel while my application for re-issue is under process?

A: Yes, (Note- Interim withdrawal of Passport is allowed in genuine serious cases only (Please email on attcons.thehague@mea.gov.in for approval). However once you have submitted your application for Passport, you cannot travel to India on existing Passport as it will be cancelled during the process.)

12 My passport is still valid. However, all pages of my passport are exhausted. What should I do? Can I have an additional booklet? How can I apply for the same?

A: You have to apply for a new passport.

13 I understand that after I receive my new passport, my old passport will be cancelled. Will the visas on my old passport be also cancelled?

A: NO, the Visa will be valid as per the period/condition mentioned on the visa.

14 Can I travel with less than six months Passport validity?

A: The six-month passport validity rule is a common requirement for international travel. The immigration authority or the airlines you are flying with may stop you from travelling. You can contact concerned immigration authorities for more information.

15 What does the photocopy of the passport with the application mean? Do I have to send all the 36/60 pages or just the first, the last and the page showing my VISA ?

A: Please send/enclose clear copies of the first page, last page, and the page on which visa is affixed. There is no need to send complete photocopies of your entire passport unless specifically asked to do so. Applications with illegible and poor quality photocopies will be summarily rejected.

16 Can I also apply for passport for a newly-born child at the time of birth registration?

A: Yes as long as your application for birth registration is fully complete and all documents are in order, you can submit passport application of your child along with the supporting documents. Please ensure that the application form is signed by both the parents to confirm their no objection to the issue of passport. Thumb impression of the child is to be put in the specimen signature box on the application form.
