

CONSULATE GENERAL OF INDIA
JOHANNESBURG

PRESS RELEASE

Passport Applications

In partial modification of the existing instructions, it has been decided by the Competent Authority that fresh Police Verification Report is mandatory for all cases of issue/re-issue of Passports and in certain cases passports will be issued/re-issued only after receipt of fresh Police Verification Report from the Indian authorities.

All Passport applicants are therefore advised to apply for re-issue of passport well ahead of time, which can be done within one year of expiry of validity of the passport.

In view of the above, all applicants applying for fresh/re-issue of Passports are requested to fill up and submit the signed (by parents in case of minor applicants who cannot sign) 'Personal Particulars Form' (copy attached) giving all the required details in legible handwriting (preferably in BLOCK CAPITALS)/printing along with a passport size colour photograph of the applicant.

The following categories of applicants applying for fresh/re-issue of Passports may please submit documentary proof in support of such claim along with the Passport application:

- i) Applicants who have been resident abroad (outside India) continuously for over 5 years and hold a Permanent Residence / Work Permit / Green Card or Permanent Visa;
- ii) Application in respect of minors for a 5-year valid passport where the minor is born abroad and never resided in India during the preceding five years when application for re-issue is submitted by both parents along with Annexure 'D' (copy attached); and
- iii) In case of application in respect of minors for fresh/re-issue of passport, the parent(s) need to submit an undertaking that the child has not acquired any foreign passport or foreign citizenship and that on acquiring of foreign citizenship, the Indian passport will be surrendered.

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