
*Government Notice No. 194 of 2012***THE PASSPORTS ACT****Regulations made by the Minister under section 14
of the Passports Act**

1. These regulations may be cited as the Passports (Amendment) Regulations 2012.
2. In these regulations –
“principal regulations” means the Passports Regulations 1969.
3. Regulation 24 of the principal regulations is amended –
 - (a) by revoking paragraph (2) and replacing it by the following paragraph –
 - (2) The Passport Officer may, in relation to a person, entering or leaving Mauritius, accept –
 - (a) a *laissez-passer* issued by the United Nations, African Union, SADC, COMESA or any other internationally recognised organisation as may be prescribed by the Minister;
 - (b) a seaman’s Book held by a crew member of a sea vessel provided that prior clearance has been obtained from the passport officer;
 - (c) a passport issued by the Interpol;
 - (d) a *laissez-passer* issued by the African Reinsurance Corporation and the African Development Bank Group in respect of their directors, officers or

employees travelling to Mauritius on official mission.

(b) in paragraph (3), by revoking subparagraph (b).

4. Regulation 25 of the principal regulations is revoked and replaced by the following regulation –

25. (1) Subject to the other provisions of this regulation, any person –

(a) other than person specified in the Eighth Schedule, intending to visit Mauritius for business, tourism or transit purposes, shall obtain a visa prior to entering Mauritius;

(b) intending to visit Mauritius for purposes other than business or tourism shall obtain a visa or permit prior to entering Mauritius.

(2) The Passport Officer may, on application at the port of arrival by a holder of a passport –

(a) issued by a country specified in the Ninth Schedule, issue an Entry visa to such person for 2 weeks as from the date of arrival for business or tourism purposes;

(b) issued by a country specified in the Tenth Schedule, issue an Entry visa to such person for 60 days as from the date of arrival for business or tourism purposes.

(3) Holders of passport issued by a country specified in the Eleventh Schedule shall apply and obtain a visa prior to entering Mauritius.

(4) Subject to the other provisions of these regulations, for immigration requirements to enter Mauritius for visit, every person shall –

- (a) hold a passport which is valid beyond the intended period of stay;
- (b) hold a valid return passage ticket to travel back to his country of origin or residence;
- (c) be eligible to re-enter his country of origin or residence;
- (d) have adequate funds to meet the cost of his stay;
- (e) have confirmed hotel booking or sponsorship for accommodation;
- (f) not engage in any gainful activity; and
- (g) not be a prohibited immigrant.

(5) A person to whom a visa has been issued under subparagraph (a) may, where he –

- (a) holds a valid return ticket, a valid passport or internationally recognised travel documents; and
- (b) has adequate funds to meet the cost of his stay,

apply to the Passport Officer for an extension of his stay.

(6) The Passport Officer or authorised Consular Officer shall not issue a visa to any person who is a prohibited immigrant under the Immigration Act.

(7) Where a person, other than one specified in paragraphs (1) and (2), travels to Mauritius without a visa, he may be refused entry into Mauritius or be provisionally admitted.

(8) A person admitted under paragraph (7) may, at any time, be removed by the carrier from which he landed to his country of origin, or residence and all expenses incurred in connection therewith, including hotel accommodation, medical care and court costs, if any, shall be borne by the carrier.

(9) Without prejudice to his removal under paragraph (8), any person who stays in Mauritius after the expiry period for which he obtained a visa or entry permit, as the case may be, shall commit an offence.

5. The Eighth Schedule to the principal regulations is revoked and replaced by the Eighth Schedule set out in the First Schedule to these regulations.
6. The Ninth Schedule to the principal regulations is revoked and replaced by the Ninth Schedule set out in the Second Schedule to these regulations.
7. The Tenth Schedule to the principal regulations is revoked and replaced by the Tenth Schedule specified in the Third Schedule to these regulations.
8. The principal regulations are amended by adding the Eleventh Schedule set out in the Fourth Schedule to these regulations.
9. These regulations shall come into operation on 1 November 2012.

Made by the Minister on 1 November 2012.

FIRST SCHEDULE

[Regulation 5]

EIGHTH SCHEDULE

[Regulation 25(1)(a)]

PERSONS NOT REQUIRING A VISA TO ENTER MAURITIUS

1. Citizens of Mauritius
2. Persons who are residents of Mauritius under the Immigration Act
3. The spouse of a citizen of Mauritius
4. The child or step child or lawfully adopted child of persons referred to at paragraphs 1 and 2
5. Holders of diplomatic passports other than those issued by the Government of Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Yemen, *Kosova, Stateless*
6. Crew of a vessel travelling on duty or in transit to join another vessel
7. Holders of *Laissez-passer* issued by the United Nations, COMESA, SADC or other internationally recognised organisations as may be prescribed by the Minister
8. Holders of passport issued by the INTERPOL who come to Mauritius on official mission
9. Holders of *Laissez-passer* issued by the African Reinsurance Corporation and the African Development Bank
10. Holders of passport issued by Governments of countries belonging to the European Union

11. Persons who intend to remain in Mauritius only during the stay of a vessel by which they arrive and depart
12. Such other persons as the Minister may approve
13. Holders of passports issued by the following countries –
 - Angola
 - Antigua and Barbuda
 - Argentina
 - Australia
 - Austria
 - Bahamas
 - Bahrain
 - Barbados
 - Belgium
 - Belize
 - Botswana
 - Brazil
 - Brunei Darussalam
 - Bulgaria
 - Burundi
 - Canada
 - Cape Verde
 - Chad
 - Chile
 - China
 - Congo (former Congo Brazzaville)
 - Croatia
 - Cyprus
 - Czech Republic
 - Democratic Republic of Congo
 - Denmark
 - Dominica

Egypt
Estonia
Fiji
Finland
France
Gabon
Gambia
Germany
Ghana
Greece
Grenada
Hong Kong (Special Administrative Region)
Hungary
Iceland
India
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Jamaica
Japan
Kenya
Kiribati
Korea (Republic of South)
Kuwait
Latvia
Lesotho
Liechtenstein
Lithuania
Luxemburg
Macau (Special Administrative Region)
Malawi
Malaysia

Maldives
Malta
Mexico
Monaco
Mozambique
Namibia
Nauru
Netherlands
New Zealand
Norway
Oman
Papua New Guinea
Paraguay
Poland
Portugal
Qatar
Reunion Island
Romania
Russian Federation
Rwanda
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent and Grenadines
Samoa
San Marino
Saudi Arabia
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Singapore
Slovakia
Slovenia
Solomon Islands

South Africa
Spain
Suriname
Swaziland
Sweden
Switzerland
Tanzania
Tonga
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
Turkey
Tuvalu
Uganda
United Arab Emirates
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
United States of America
Vanuatu
Vatican
Zambia
Zimbabwe



SECOND SCHEDULE

[Regulation 6]

NINTH SCHEDULE

[Regulation 25(2)(a)]

Algeria
Comoros
Madagascar
Myanmar
Nigeria

THIRD SCHEDULE

[Regulation 7]

TENTH SCHEDULE

[Regulation 25(2)(b)]

Albania
Andorra
Armenia
Azerbaijan
Belarus
Benin
Bhutan
Bolivia
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Burkina Faso
Cambodia
Cameroon
Central African Republic
Colombia
Costa Rica
Côte d'Ivoire
Cuba
Djibouti
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
El Salvador
Equatorial Guinea
Eritrea
Ethiopia
Georgia
Guatemala
Guinea

Guinea-Bissau
Haiti
Honduras
Jordan
Kazakhstan
Kyrgyzstan
Lebanon
Liberia
Macedonia (Republic of)
Marshall Islands
Mauritania
Micronesia
Moldova (Republic of)
Mongolia
Montenegro
Morocco
Nepal
Nicaragua
Niger
Palau
Panama
Peru
Sao Tome and Principe
Senegal
Serbia
Tajikistan
Thailand
Timor-Leste
Togo
Turkmenistan
Ukraine
Uruguay

FOURTH SCHEDULE

[Regulation 8]

ELEVENTH SCHEDULE

[Regulation 25(3)]

Afghanistan
Bangladesh
Indonesia
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Iraq
Korea (People's Democratic Republic of North)
Lao (People's Democratic Republic of)
Libya
Mali
Pakistan
Palestinian State
~~Philippines~~
Saharawi Republic
Somalia
South Sudan
~~Sri Lanka~~
Sudan
Syrian Arab Republic
~~Taiwan~~
~~Viet Nam~~
Yemen

Uzbekistan
Venezuela

Government Notice No. 84 of 2013

THE PASSPORTS ACT

Regulations made by the Minister under section 14 of the Passports Act

1. These regulations may be cited as the Passports (Amendment) Regulations 2013.
2. In these regulations –
“principal regulations” means the Passports Regulations 1969.
3. Regulation 4 of the principal regulations is amended –
 - (a) by revoking paragraph (2);
 - (b) by revoking paragraph (4) and replacing it by the following paragraph –
 - (4) Every applicant shall submit with his application 2 identical photographs of passport size of himself.
4. The regulations shall come into operation on 30 April 2013.

Made by the Minister on 16 April 2013.

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Government Notice No. 50 of 2017

THE PASSPORTS ACT

Regulations made by the Minister under section 14
of the Passports Act

1. These regulations may be cited as the Passports (Amendment) Regulations 2017.
2. In these regulations –
“principal regulations” means the Passports Regulations 1969.
3. The Eighth Schedule to the principal regulations is amended, at items 13, by inserting, in the appropriate alphabetical order, the following new items –
Benin
Georgia
Ukraine
4. The Tenth Schedule to the principal regulations is amended –
(a) by deleting the following items –
Benin
Georgia
Ukraine
(b) by inserting, in the appropriate alphabetical order, the following new items –
Indonesia
Philippines
Sri Lanka
Taiwan
Viet Nam



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5. The Eleventh Schedule to the principal regulations is amended by deleting the following items -

Indonesia

Philippines

Sri Lanka

Taiwan

Viet Nam

6. These regulations shall come into operation on 21 March 2017.

Made by the Minister on 21 March 2017.