

### **1. New International East African e-Passport**

The Republic of Uganda is set to introduce an International East African e-Passport to replace and eventually phase out the current East African and International Machine-Readable Passports.

### **2. EAC Directive**

During the 17th Ordinary Summit of the EAC Heads of State held in March 2016 in Arusha, Tanzania, Their Excellencies launched the East African e-Passport and directed the commencement of its issuance. In line with the above directive, issuance of the current generation of Machine-Readable Passports is scheduled to commence at the end of January 2019.

### **3. Early Issuance of the EAC e-Passport**

Issuance of the International EAC e-Passport will commence on 7th December 2018. The initial issuance of the EAC e -Passport will prioritize applications that were submitted under the old passport dispensation. All those who submitted their applications before the commencement date shall be required to pay a top up fee of UGX 100,000 to make UGX 250,000 in order to qualify for the issuance of the e-Passport. However, the top up requirement does not apply to applications that were submitted under the Express Service.

The full Commissioning of the Centralized Passport System shall take place by the end of January 2019 when the entire system will have been fully operationalized. The e-Passport enrolment and delivery system shall be rolled out to our local Regional Centres and Uganda Missions abroad in a phased manner.

Prior to the full commissioning, all applicants for Diplomatic and Official Passports will continue to be issued with Machine Readable Passports.

### **4. Categories of the e-Passport**

The new e-Passport will be presented in the following colours: Sky Blue (Ordinary Passport), Green (Service Passport) and Red (Diplomatic Passport).

### **5. Features of the International EAC e-Passport.**

The International EAC e-Passport will be embedded with an electronic chip which will have biodata and biometric information of the holder. The e-Passport will have security features of significant national importance to Uganda which include the Coat of Arms, the Crested Crane, the Mountain Gorilla, the Independence Monument, Murchison Falls and a Fisherman.

## 6. Advantages of the e-Passport

The International EAC e-Passport has numerous advantages which include:

- i. Using e-gates for self-clearance;
- ii. Automated issuance of boarding passes;
- iii. Quick passenger processing worldwide; and,
- iv. Compliance with international security standards.

## 7. Passport Fees Structure

The fees for the International East African e-Passport shall be as follows:

1. Ordinary Passport (48 Pages)	UGX 250,000
2. Service Passport (64 Pages)	UGX 400,000
3. Diplomatic Passport (64 Pages)	UGX 500,000
4. Express Processing Service	UGX 150,000
5. Courier service for Applicants Abroad	UGX 10,000
6. Certification of Passport	UGX 30,000
7. Fine for Replacement of lost or damaged Passport	UGX 100,000

## 8. Application Procedure

Before the full commissioning of the e-Passport system, the following shall apply;

- i. Dully filled application [FORM G](#)
- ii. Attach copy of the National ID (**Required**) of the Recommender
- iii. Attach original and copy National ID or National Identification Number
- iv. Attach copies of academic documents for proof of profession (where applicable)
- v. Attach proof of payment of prescribed fees
- vi. Attach a copy of birth certificate, adoption order consent letter from parents/guardians in case of minors
- vii. Attach any other information that may be relevant to the application
- viii. When the passport is ready, the applicant will be alerted to proceed and pick up their passport.

### **NOTE:**

Applicants will be required to present original documents where applicable.

After the full Commissioning of the e-Passport system scheduled for the end of January 2019, the e-Passport application process will be both manual and online and the procedure shall be as follows:

### **Manual applications;**

- i. Applicants will be required to fill out an application [FORM G](#) with all details.
- ii. On completion, the applicant will proceed to the Bank to make payments and proceed to the nearest Passport Centre to submit the application and undertake biometric enrolment.
- iii. When the passport is ready, the applicant will be alerted to proceed and pick up their passport from the place of enrolment.

### **Online Applications**

- i. Applicants will be required to fill out an online form. The form will act as an assessment tool with URA.
- ii. The applicant will be required to schedule an interview online with the Passport Office (Kampala, Mbale, Mbarara, Gulu and all Uganda Missions abroad) for purposes of enrolling applicants' biometrics.
- iii. Applicant will print out the application with the Payment Registration Number (PRN), proceed to the Bank to pay the Passport Fees.
- iv. The applicant after payment will proceed to the Enrolment Centre mentioned above for the scheduled appointment.
- v. After the interview, the application will be processed internally, and the passport printed for those that will qualify.
- vi. When the passport is ready, the applicants will be alerted to proceed and pick up their passports.
- vii. If the applicant doesn't qualify, he/she will still be issued a notice

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**ALL APPLICANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO HAVE A NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (NIN) ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION REGISTRATION AUTHORITY(NIRA).**

## **9. Phase out of the Current Passports.**

- i. The Ministry of Internal Affairs has designated a two-year transitional period to allow for a gradual phase out of the current passport.
- ii. The transitional period is scheduled to run from the full Commissioning Date where after all Ugandans shall only be eligible to travel with the International EAC e-Passport.
- iii. During the transitional period all citizens with valid Machine-Readable Passports will continue to use them for international travel until January 2021.
- iv. For the avoidance of doubt, after the end of January 2021, only the International e-Passport will be valid for International travel.

**We call upon all Ugandans to embrace this new milestone as we join the rest of the EAC in the use of the International EAC e-Passport.**

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