

## **Guidelines for Jamaican Passport Application**

### **Documents**

1. **Photocopied or laminated documents will not be accepted**
2. Eligibility for Jamaican Passport is based on proof of Jamaican Citizenship. **All** applicants are therefore to submit one of the following documents as applicable:
  - \* Birth Certificate
  - \* Certificate of Naturalization
  - \* Letter of Certification of Citizenship
  - \* Certificate of Registration
  - \* Adoption Certificate
3. Persons claiming Jamaican Citizenship by Descent **MUST** have their claim established **BEFORE** submitting the application for a passport. The documents required are:
  - \* Applicant's Birth Certificate
  - \* Two certified passport photographs
  - \* Proof of Parent's Jamaican Citizenship

The Citizenship Unit is located at the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Passport, Immigration and Citizenship Agency, 25 Constant Spring Road
4. Passport issuance is also based on credible identification. First time applicants, particularly, are also required to provide one of the following photographic forms of identification:
  - \* National Voter's Identification
  - \* Driver's Licence
  - \* Previous PassportOther identification – (subject to approval by the Passport Officers, e.g. work ID)
5. Any name change must be substantiated by documentary evidence. All married or divorced women are required to submit the certified copy of the Marriage Certificate(s) or Divorce Judgement(s), **where the married name is being used**. A Deed Poll is required for all other name changes.

### **PHOTOGRAPHS**

1. No embossed seal should be affixed to photographs
2. Applicants are required to submit two (2) identical copies of a professionally produced photograph (one of which should be certified) taken not more than six (6) months prior to the application, with the following specifications:

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- The photographs should be taken **in colour with a matte/dull finish, against a plain background.** Applicants of light complexion should avoid wearing white clothing and should have the photographs taken against a pastel shaded background. Applicants of dark complexion should wear coloured clothing and photographs should be taken against a white background. Applicants with hair grey/white should have photographs taken against a sky blue background.
- **There should be no reflection from eyeglasses and no background shadows. Excessive light reflection on image is unacceptable. Light distribution should be even throughout photograph.**
- **Photographs should provide a full frontal view of the head, neck and top of the shoulders with ears, as much as possible, clearly visible. Photographs should display appropriately clad images; exposed shoulders and chest are to be avoided.**
- The applicant should wear **no head covering** while taking the photograph. However, applicants who must wear headgear for **religious reasons** must indicate their religion at **Section H.**
- The size of the face should be 25mm to 35mm, from chin to top of head.
- When the photograph is cut to a size of about 35mm, there should be a margin of 3mm to 4mm between the head and the edge of the photograph.
- Photographs submitted with an application become the property of the Government of Jamaica.

*Avoid using paperclips or staples on photographs as they can create a distortion to the applicant's features when scanned.*

### 3. **Certification of Application (see section G)**

4. Each applicant is required to present an application form and Photograph that re certified. This can be done by one of the following who is a citizen of Jamaica, who is not a member of the family of the applicant **and**, has been personally acquainted with the applicant for a period not less than 12 months:

* Member of Parliament	* High Court Judge	* Resident Magistrate
* Justice of the Peace	* Public Officer (SEG 1 and above)	* Consular Officer
* Attorney-at-law	* Commissioner of Oaths Notary Public	* Parish Councillor

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* Bank Manager	* Credit Union Manager	* Clerk of Courts
* Marriage Officers	* Army Officer (Major & above)	* Dental Surgeon
* Medical Practitioner	* Police Officer (Gazetted Ranks)	*
Passport Officer		
* Veterinarian	* Principal (Primary, Secondary & Tertiary Educational Institutions)	

5. The official who certifies the application is also required to certify the reverse side of one photograph of the applicant, with the following inscription above his/her signature:

“I certify that this a true photograph of ..... (Insert applicant’s name and note of certification) .....”

6. **For overseas applicants the following persons, who need not be citizens of Jamaica, may certify the application:**

- \* Justice of the Peace
- \* Attorney-at-law
- \* Minister of Religion authorised to perform marriages
- \* Notary Public
- \* Medical Doctor

7. Overseas applicants may contact the nearest Jamaican Embassy, High Commission or Consulate or other categories of persons who may certify applications and photographs.

8. No fee should be paid for certifying an application. **(Applicable in Jamaica ONLY)**

9. **Consent for a Minor (see Section C)**

10. The mother, father or legal guardian must complete the application for a child less than 18 years. Persons under 18 years of age, who are unmarried, require in written consent of the mother and/or the father or legal guardian, except where such person is a member of the Security Forces. In the event that neither parent nor legal guardian is available, contact should be made with the Customer Service Unite at the Kingston Office or the nearest consular representatives in the overseas missions.

11. **Requirement to Appear in Person**

- All first time applicants are required to be present at time of application
- Minors under three years are exempt
- Renewals do not require personal appearance. However, in some instances an authorized officer may require the appearance of the applicant. **A MINOR over 3years of age doing a renewal is required to appear in person.**

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## 12. Lost Passports

A Police report must be submitted where passport is lost, stolen or destroyed. In the event that a lost passport subsequently comes into the possession of the Holder, it must be returned to the passport officer or the nearest Jamaican Embassy, High Commission or Consulate overseas for necessary action.

### Jamaican Travel Document Fees

Document	Fee in the United Kingdom, Europe, Africa, the Middle East, the Far East, Australia, New Zealand and Pacific States
<b>Passport (First time applicant/Renewal)</b>	
Minor	(US\$61.00)
Adult	(US\$91.00)
<b>Passport (Damaged/Stolen)</b>	
Minor	(US\$111.00)
Adult	(US\$171.00)

*Please allow a processing period of at least Three (3) months.*

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