



MALDIVES HIGH
COMMISSION
MALAYSIA
Consular Advice Series

The High Commission's Passport Services

As part of its consular services, we provide passport and travel document services with the cooperation of the Maldives Department of Immigration and Emigration.

Passports must be safeguarded with utmost care. Being an important official document, passports should not be allowed to pass into the possession of any unauthorised person.

How can I apply for a passport or travel document?

For passports and travel documents fill in the High Commission's form and Immigration Form IM01. Both forms are available as one pdf document on our website.

For Maldivians born in Malaysia submit the separate

Temporary Travel Document application available on our website.

Copies of Important Documents: Leave copies of important documents such as your itinerary, your passport and your visa at home or with your family.

Contact us

The High Commission provides general consular services between **9:30am and 4:00pm from Monday to Friday except on High Commission holidays¹**. A list of High Commission holidays is available on our website www.maldives.org.my.

In an emergency you can contact us on our emergency line ²

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¹ Ramadan working hours are from 10:30am to 3:00pm

² No sms service

I'm having trouble filling the forms/getting the passport photo.

Guidelines on completing the forms are available on the forms itself. Call the High Commission if you have queries. Your application may be delayed if forms are incomplete or photos do not fit the Immigration guidelines.

How long would it take?

Normally it takes 5 to 10 working days to bring your new passport. Temporary Travel Documents for babies will be issued within an hour of submitting the application.

Maldives Immigration
Find out more about passport issues from the Immigration Department website
www.immigration.gov.mv

How do I pay the fees?

You can pay passport service charges directly to the High Commission or to Immigration Department in Male' through a contact person in Maldives.

My visa is expiring and the college asked me to renew my passport before I extend my visa, why?

Malaysian Immigration authorities would normally require your passport to be valid for more than six months or for the period for which you are applying for a visa.

Make sure you get your new passport in time before your visa expires. Malaysian Immigration rules state that the student is responsible to make sure that the visa is renewed. Normally, colleges

would start processing your visa application/extension one month before visa expiry date.

What happens to my overseas visa on my old passport when I get a new one?

Immigration authorities would normally honour the visa on your old passport even if your old passport is cancelled. If you request, we will issue a letter stating when and how your passport was renewed. (Maldives Immigration no longer provides passport attachment service)

However, you should transfer your old visa to your new passport as soon as possible.

Do I get the new electronic passport if I apply through the High Commission?

From 26 July 2007, the Maldives Immigration Department has started issuing electronic passports. However, electronic passports are presently not available if you apply for a passport while outside the Maldives. New passports issued through us would look the same, but they won't have the electronic passport mark (E-P) and are non-electronic passports.

What if my passport is lost or stolen?

First, do not make unnecessary calls home. Call us if you have questions, we can assist you in obtaining a new passport or travel document. Take the following steps:

1. Report the incident to the nearest Malaysian Police station. They will provide a police report of the incident.

2. Submit the police report and an application for a new passport or travel document through the High Commission. (A fine of between Rf2,000 and Rf20,000 may be imposed by the Maldives Immigration Department)
3. Report the incident to Malaysian Immigration at Putrajaya, after obtaining new passport or travel document, (You may be required to show proof of your visa status such as tickets, etc. You may not be allowed out of the country without reporting to Malaysian Immigration at Putrajaya)

Charges: The Maldives Immigration Department's Application Form IM01 specifies all the applicable charges, fines and penalties.

What if my passport is damaged?

If your passport is damaged, you can apply for a new passport. (A fine of between Rf2,000 and Rf20,000 may be imposed by the Maldives Immigration Department)

Do I have to carry my passport with me all the time?

Malaysian Immigration rules require you to carry your passport at all times unless you have a valid Malaysian Immigration issued identification such as an I-Kad or Work Permit. If you are a student check with your college when you would be issued your I-Kad.