

Passports for newly weds and civil partners

Introduction

If you are to be married or forming a civil partnership in the United Kingdom, and will be going abroad immediately after the ceremony, the Identity and Passport Service (IPS) can issue you with a new ten-year passport post-dated into your new name up to three months in advance of your wedding or civil ceremony date. You would receive a new passport, which will be valid for ten years and up to a further nine months, depending on the remaining validity on your current passport.

If you do decide to take the option of post-dating your passport into your new name, you should be aware that:

- You will need to submit your current passport along with your application form.
- This passport will be cancelled, and you will no longer be able to use it for travelling.
- Your new post-dated passport will be valid only from the date of your ceremony.
- You will not be able to use your new passport until your ceremony has taken place.

Procedure

You will need to complete a standard passport application form and a Post-Date form 2 (PD2). Both forms are available by telephoning the Passport Adviceline on 0300 222 0000, via the website at www.direct.gov.uk/passports, or by calling into a regional passport office or selected Post Office® branches. You will also need the passport fee (please see overleaf), all relevant documents and two recent identical photographs of yourself, taken against an off-white, cream or light grey plain background. For other essential information on photographs please see the passport application pack or the IPS website for details.

Part 1 of the PD2 form should be completed by the person who is to perform the ceremony.

Part 2 of the PD2 form should be completed by you as the applicant. You should fill this form out using your current name and signature and not your future name.'

Filling in the passport application form

- You should complete the application form in full using the name you wish to assume, and sign it in what will be your new name.
- If your features have changed, and the form needs to be countersigned, the person who countersigns your application should endorse the back of one of your photographs as follows:

'I certify that this is a true likeness of
who, after marriage/civil partnership, will become'
They should also add their signature.

Other Points

- Applications for post-dated passport facilities for minors who are to be married or enter into a civil partnership need not be supported by the written consent of a parent.
- Under the British Nationality Act 1948, the national status of women married after 31 December 1948 is not affected by the marriage. Only those who have the status of British citizen, British overseas territories citizen, British national (overseas), British overseas citizen, British subject or British protected person are eligible for United Kingdom passport facilities. Enquiries about the procedure for acquiring citizenship should be addressed to:
The Home Office Nationality Group, PO Box 306, Liverpool L69 2UF
(Telephone 0845 010 5200).
- **The Consulates of some countries cannot grant visas on post-dated passports.** If you require a visa to travel the IPS advises you to check with the consulate of the country you will be travelling to before booking your holiday.
- If you hold a valid passport but do not wish to replace it with one showing your new name, you can continue to use your current passport and take your marriage or civil partnership certificate with you when you travel. However, please note that some countries may insist that the details on your travel documents correspond to those in your passport. Again, the IPS advises you to check with the consulate of the country you will be travelling to before booking your holiday.
- Different fees apply according to whether you post your application direct to IPS, submit it via our High Street partner or attend a passport office in person. Please contact our Passport Adviceline on 0300 222 0000 for details.

By appointment at a regional passport office for the Premium one-day service**	One-day guaranteed
By appointment at a regional passport office for the Fast Track one-week service**	One-week guaranteed
By calling into selected Post Office® branches who, for a handling charge, will provide a Check & Send service	Please allow two weeks. This service is not guaranteed.
By post***	Please allow three weeks. This service is not guaranteed.

** The IPS provides a guaranteed one-day service (Premium) and a guaranteed one-week service (Fast Track) at its offices. Customers requiring these guaranteed services must make an appointment by telephoning the Passport Adviceline.

*** If you are an adult applying for your first passport you should allow six weeks for your passport to be issued.

Contact Details

Passport Adviceline 0300 222 0000* (24 hours a day, 7 days a week)

Textphone: 0300 222 0222*

Email address: info@passport.gov.uk

Website: www.direct.gov.uk/passports.

*Calls are charged at your network provider's national rate.



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