

**Frequently asked questions about the new version
of the Republic of China (Taiwan) passport**

Q1. When may nationals begin applying for the new version of the passport?

A: Producing passport booklets is a complex process. Moreover, foreign governments, customs and immigration authorities and airlines must be notified. Several months are therefore required to prepare for the official release. The new version of the passport is expected to be available in January 2021. The exact date will be announced later.

Q2. What is the application fee for a new version of the passport?

A: The fee for a new version of the passport will remain unchanged at NT\$1,300. For more information, please visit the BOCA website: <https://www.boca.gov.tw/cp-17-5799-50cbc-1.html>

Q3. May all citizens apply for a new version of the passport? May those with more than one year validity remaining of their current passport apply? May the old version of the passport still be used?

A:

1. According to the Passport Act, citizens may apply for passport reissuance if their current passport is not of the latest design. Therefore, after the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has released the new version of the passport, any citizen possessing a valid passport may, in

line with regulations, apply at their own expense to renew it for a new version regardless of the remaining validity of their current passport. After a new passport is issued, the old passport will be cancelled with one corner clipped off.

2. Citizens possessing a valid passport who do not wish to apply for the new version immediately may continue to use it through its date of expiration.

Q4. What documents must be provided when applying for a new version of the passport? What is the application process? How many working days will it take to receive the new passport? Can applications be made at a Household Registration Office?

A: Current regulations with regard to required documents, the application process, and required working days for different application categories—i.e., first-time application, renewal, replacement—will also apply to applications for the new version of the passport. Details are shown on the following links on BOCA’s webpage (including regulations on how first-time applicants may apply at a Household Registration Office):

- Citizens with household registration applying in Taiwan for a passport (including first-time application and renewal):
[\(<https://www.boca.gov.tw/cp-18-5797-d2b15-1.html>\)](https://www.boca.gov.tw/cp-18-5797-d2b15-1.html)
- Applying for replacement of a valid lost or stolen passport:
[\(<https://www.boca.gov.tw/cp-22-18-faf88-1.html>\)](https://www.boca.gov.tw/cp-22-18-faf88-1.html)
- Passport application fees and expedited service fees:
[\(<https://www.boca.gov.tw/cp-17-5799-50cbc-1.html>\)](https://www.boca.gov.tw/cp-17-5799-50cbc-1.html)

Q5. May citizens abroad apply for the new version of the passport?

A: They may. Citizens abroad may apply through R.O.C. overseas missions. The documents to be submitted and process for overseas applications for the new version of the passport follow current regulations.

Q6. Will using the new version of the passport cause difficulties in going through immigration, particularly if one is part of a group whose members have different versions of the passport? If difficulties are encountered, what can be done?

A:

1. Only minor changes have been made to the new version passport cover, and none have been made to the machine-readable zone (MRZ) as well as the implanted biometric chip. As per standard international practice, MOFA will send samples of the new version of the passport to foreign governments and their border control and immigration authorities. Therefore, foreign immigration and customs authorities should have no trouble establishing the bearer's identity. Under normal circumstances, there should be no difficulty with immigration for a group carrying a mix of old and new versions of the passport.
2. R.O.C. overseas missions maintain close contact with border control personnel and airlines of the host countries. If difficulties are encountered, citizens can seek the assistance of relevant R.O.C. overseas missions via the emergency contact numbers.