



Embassy of the Republic of Rwanda - Washington D.C.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: E-PASSPORT APPLICATION

WHO CAN APPLY?

Only Rwandan citizens can apply for the e-Passport, either an individual adult or minor.

WHAT IS THE TURN AROUND TIME?

The passport review and approval processing time is typically 4-9 working days.

WHAT DO I NEED TO APPLY?

- If you are a Rwandan citizen of 16 years old and above you will need your Rwanda National ID (Indangamuntu) number and copy to upload with your application
- If you are a Rwandan citizen below 16 years you will need your Citizen Application Number and your legal guardian's assistance to apply
- You will need to attach different documents that differ depending on the selected applicant type and the category.
- You will need your phone number and/or email address.

WHAT ARE THE FEES?

- Ordinary passport: Adult cost is 100,000 Rwf (10 years' validity) / 75,000 Rwf (5 years validity) and for a child, the cost is 25,000 Rwf valid for 2 years this also applies to a 17 years old child.
- A 17 year old child applies as an adult but pays 25,000 Rwf valid for 5 years.
- Service passport: Adult/child cost is 15,000 Rwf (5 years validity)
- Diplomatic passport: Adult/child cost is 50,000 Rwf (5 years validity)

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO NOT HAVE MY RWANDA ID TO APPLY?

- If you lost your ID, you can apply through the National Identification Agency (NIDA) for a replacement. In order to replace your ID, you will need a police report showing where, when, and how your ID was lost or stolen.
- If you have never had an ID, you will need to get registered (*kwibaruzza*) at a District Office in Rwanda or directly through the NIDA HQ in person for your ID to be processed and issued.
- For more information and guidelines on how to apply or replace an ID, visit <https://www.nida.gov.rw/index.php?id=23>

For more details, you may visit

<http://support.irembo.gov.rw/en/support/solutions/articles/47001165759-e-passport-application>