



Customs and Immigration Service

Report

To: Minister for Home Affairs

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Subject: Passport Fee and Service Increases 2023

Purpose of Report

To enable the Minister for Home Affairs to approve the increase in passport fees, and express service fees from 2nd February 2023 to align with those in the UK.

Background

On 6th September 2007 the Minister for Treasury and Resources, in exercise of their powers under paragraphs 5.12 of Financial Direction 4.1, approved the adoption of a formula for all future passport fee increases in Jersey. It was agreed that passport fees may be set at the same level as those in the UK.

In 2019, an additional Ministerial Decision was signed to ensure that all future increases for passport services were added to this formula to align express services and temporary emergency passport fees with those in the UK.

Financial Direction 4.1 has been replaced by the Public Finances Manual and confirmation from Treasury & Exchequer has verified that the Ministerial Decisions signed in 2007 and 2019 are still valid and no additional approval is required to increase passport fees in excess of 2.5%.

The UK will be implementing new fees for both passports and associated services which will come into effect on 2nd February 2023. Fees were last increased to align with the UK in October 2019.

The proposed increases for 2023 relate to the passport and express services for adults and children. There is no change to the fee charged for temporary emergency passports.

The UK have justified this increase at a time when there is a cost of living crisis by stating that His Majesty's Passport Office (HMPO) continues to work to ensure that its services are provided as efficiently as possible, however, passport fees are not



only set to recover the costs associated with the issuing of a passport. They also contribute to the costs of other elements that are directly associated with the use of a British passport, such as some consular services and the processing of British nationals at the UK border.

Colleagues in Guernsey and the Isle of Man have indicated that they are likely to support the fee increase however they have proposed to their respective Ministers that the implementation is delayed until 1st June 2023. This will give the Jersey Customs & Immigration Service sufficient time to publish fee increases and allow applicants to review passport expiry dates and make an informed decision about when to make an application.

Recommendation

That the Minister for Home Affairs approves the fee increase for standard passport, and passport services, from 1st June 2023 as follows:

	Current Fee	New Fee
Adult passports	£85	£93.00
Child passports	£58.50	£64.00
Adult Express Service	£142*	£155.00*
Child Express Service	£122*	£126.00*

* Inclusive of passport fee

Resource Implications

The additional income will continue to be used to offset the cost of service provision which continues to rise with the implementation of new systems, passport security features and the resources implications of British Citizen passport holders using their passports at the borders. The increased fees will reflect those of the UK and will ensure passport applicants contribute significantly towards the cost of passport services. Customers issued with Jersey variant British passports benefit from identical services to that of any other British passport holder, such as consular support

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