

L.N. 141 of 2007

**PASSPORTS ORDINANCE
(CAP. 61)**

Passport (Amendment) Regulations, 2007

IN exercise of the powers conferred by article 9 of the Passports Ordinance, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Justice and Home Affairs, has made the following regulations:–

1. The title of these regulations is the Passport (Amendment) Regulations, 2007, and they shall be read and construed as one with the Passport Regulations, 1993, hereinafter referred to as “the principal regulations”. Citation.
L.N. 131 of 1993.

2. Regulation 4 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:– Amends
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regulations.

(a) sub-regulation (2) thereof shall be renumbered as sub-regulation (5);

(b) for sub-regulation (1) thereof there shall be substituted the following:

“(1) The recommender’s declaration in support of the application contained in the said forms is required in the case of –

(a) an application by an adult person for the issue of a passport for the first time;

(b) an application for the issue of a minor’s passport where the recommender witnesses the signature of both parents or curators;

(c) Maltese citizens residing abroad; and

(d) the Director of Passport and Civil Registration encountering any difficulty in ascertaining an applicant’s identity.

(2) (a) The recommender’s declaration must be completed and signed by a Maltese citizen who is a minister of religion, or a medical or legal practitioner, or an architect, or a civil servant at the discretion of the Director of Passport

and Civil Registration, or a bank manager or any other person who, in the opinion of the Director of Passport and Civil Registration is of similar standing.

(b) The recommender must have been personally acquainted with the applicant for at least two years immediately preceding the signing of the declaration.”;

(c) immediately after sub-regulation (2) there shall be added the following sub-regulations:

“(3) The recommender’s declaration shall not be required in the case of the renewal of a passport for an adult person, where a valid Identity Document is presented and the old passport is surrendered for cancellation.

(4) If the person applying for a passport resides abroad or is, at the moment of the application, outside Malta, the declaration in support of such application may be completed and signed by any Commonwealth citizen who is qualified for this purpose as provided in this regulation.”; and

(d) in sub-regulation (5) as renumbered, for the words “in sub-regulation (1) of this regulation” there shall be substituted the words “in this regulation”.