

Passports Regulations

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1. These Regulations may be cited as the Passports Regulations.

Definitions

2. In these Regulations —

“alien” means any person who is not a citizen of Singapore;

“authorised officer”, in relation to any matter, means an officer authorised in that behalf by the Minister, and includes an overseas representative;

“certificate of status” means a certificate of status issued under the provisions of any regulations made under the Immigration Act (Cap. 133);

“citizen of Singapore” means a person who under the provisions of the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore has the status of a citizen of Singapore;

“Controller” means the Controller of Immigration appointed under section 3 of the Immigration Act;

“enter” means to enter by land, sea or air;

“immigration officer” means any immigration officer appointed under section 3 of the Immigration Act;

“leave” means to leave by land, sea or air;

“overseas representative” means a diplomatic or consular officer of the government in any foreign country and includes a Trade Commissioner of Singapore in any foreign country;

“Singapore passport” means a passport issued by the Government to a person who has the status of a citizen of Singapore;

“travel document” includes a document of identity whether issued by the Government or of any other country, and having the characteristics of a passport.

Authorised officers

3. The exercise of any power or function of an authorised officer under these Regulations shall in all cases be subject to any direction of the Minister.

Applications for Singapore passports, etc.

4.—(1) An application for a Singapore passport, certificate of identity or other document of identity for travel purposes, or for the renewal or endorsement of a Singapore passport, or for a visa for Singapore shall be made to an authorised officer in accordance with a form approved by the Controller.

(2) An application for a Singapore passport must be accompanied by one photograph of the applicant.

(3) An application for a certificate of identity or other document of identity for travel purposes must be accompanied by 2 photographs of the applicant.

(4) The photographs referred to in paragraphs (2) and (3) must have been taken within 3 months before the date of application and must comply with the specifications set out

in the Fourth Schedule.

(5) An authorised officer may require an applicant to furnish such further evidence in relation to any application under these Regulations as the officer thinks necessary.

Issue of Singapore passports

5.—(1) Subject to these Regulations and any specific or general instruction issued by the Minister, an authorised officer may issue or refuse to issue Singapore passports.

(2) Singapore passports shall be issued in the name of the President and shall be valid for a period not exceeding 11 years.

Refusal of Singapore passports

6.—(1) Where a citizen of Singapore has been convicted by a court of law (including any military court) in Singapore or Malaysia for any of the offences set out in the Second Schedule, or has been admitted to an approved institution under section 37 of the Misuse of Drugs Act (Cap. 185), an authorised officer may, in his discretion, refuse to issue a Singapore passport to him, or may endorse or cancel a Singapore passport issued to him, to prevent him from travelling to Malaysia at any time during the period —

- (a) of 2 years from the date of his release from the place of detention or, in a case where the court has imposed only a fine for the offence, his conviction therefor, or of his release from the approved institution; and
- (b) he is subject to supervision under regulation 15 of the Misuse of Drugs (Approved Institutions and Treatment and Rehabilitation) Regulations (Cap. 185, Rg 3).

(2) Nothing in this regulation shall be construed as affecting the right of an authorised officer to refuse to issue a Singapore passport to any other person.

Renewal of Singapore passports

7.—(1) An authorised officer may, from time to time, renew a Singapore passport which is valid for less than 11 years from the date of expiry or from the date of renewal, whichever is the later.

(2) The period of validity of the passport shall not in any case exceed 11 years from the date of original issue.

(3) A Singapore passport shall not be renewable in any case where the space thereon for visas is exhausted.

Collection of Singapore passports