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The Consular Fees (Amendment) Order 2005

Made - - - - - *15th November 2005*

Coming into force - - - *1st December 2005*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 15th day of November 2005

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred on Her by section 1(1) of the Consular Fees Act 1980(a) is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is ordered, as follows:

1. This Order may be cited as the Consular Fees (Amendment) Order 2005 and shall come into force on 1st December 2005.

2. Article 2 of the Consular Fees Order 2005 (b) shall be amended by inserting, before the definition of "Crown Dependencies", the following—

““biometric passport” means a passport which contains unique biological data specific to the holder,”

3. The Schedule to the Consular Fees Order 2005 shall be amended as follows—

(a) Fee 12 shall be replaced with the following—

“12. For applications made in the United Kingdom and irrespective of whether or not the passport issued is a biometric passport, issuing a passport of not more than 32 pages which includes replacing an expired passport, issuing a new passport of full validity when an original passport of restricted validity is unavailable and issuing a new passport with amended personal details—

(a) for applications made by post

(i) where the applicant is aged 16 years or over	51.00
(ii) where the applicant is under 16 years old (for a passport valid for 5 years)	34.00

(b) for applications made in person

(i) where the applicant is aged 16 years or over using the fast-track service	77.50
(ii) where the applicant is under 16 years old (for a passport valid for 5 years) using the fast-track service	70.00

(a) 1980 c.23.
(b) S.I. 2005/1465.

(iii) where the applicant is aged 16 years or over using the fast-track collect service	91.00
(iv) where the applicant is under 16 years old (for a passport valid for 5 years) using the fast-track collect service	80.50
(v) where the applicant is aged 16 years or over using the premium service	96.50
(vi) where the applicant is under 16 years old (for a passport valid for 5 years) using the premium service	83.00

12A. For applications made abroad, issuing a passport of not more than 32 pages which includes replacing an expired passport and issuing a new passport of full validity when an original passport of restricted validity is unavailable—

(a) in the case that the passport issued is not a biometric passport and	
(i) where the applicant is aged 16 years or over	69.00
(ii) where the applicant is under 16 years old (for a passport valid for 5 years)	45.00
(b) in the case that the passport issued is a biometric passport and	
(i) where the applicant is aged 16 years or over	91.00
(ii) where the applicant is under 16 years old (for a passport valid for 5 years)	59.00”

(b) Fee 13 shall be replaced with the following—

“**13.** For applications made in the United Kingdom and irrespective of whether or not the passport issued is a biometric passport, issuing a passport of 48 pages which includes replacing an expired passport, issuing a new passport of full validity when an original passport of restricted validity is unavailable and issuing a new passport with amended personal details—

(a) for applications made by post	62.50
(b) for applications made in person	
(i) using the fast-track service	87.00
(ii) using the fast-track collect service	100.50
(iii) using the premium service	104.50

13A. For applications made abroad, issuing a passport of 48 pages which includes replacing an expired passport and issuing a new passport of full validity when an original passport of restricted validity is unavailable—

(a) in the case that the passport issued is not a biometric passport	82.00
(b) in the case that the passport issued is a biometric passport	109.00”

(c) Fee 15 shall be replaced with the following—

“**15.** Amending or extending an existing passport where the application is made abroad and—

(a) the passport issued is not a biometric passport	57.00
(b) the passport issued is a biometric passport	75.50”

A. K. Galloway
Clerk of the Privy Council

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Consular Fees Order 2005.

The Order increases the fees for (i) issuing passports of not more than 32 pages in the United Kingdom, and (ii) issuing 48 page passports in the United Kingdom. The fees for issuing passports are increased both in respect of applications made by post in the United Kingdom and applications made in person in the United Kingdom.

The Order also introduces a definition of a “biometric passport” and fees for biometric passport services. The fee for issuing a biometric passport in the United Kingdom is the same as the fee for issuing a non-biometric passport in the United Kingdom. The fee for issuing a biometric passport of not more than 32 pages where the application is made abroad is £59.00 for an applicant who is under 16 years and £91.00 for an applicant who is 16 years or over. The fee for issuing a 48 page biometric passport where the application is made abroad is £109.00. The fee for amending or extending an existing passport where the application is made abroad and the passport is a biometric passport is £75.50.

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