



DIFFERENCES BETWEEN A TEMPORARY PASSPORT AND A MACHINE READABLE PASSPORT

Passport Application Options

- Temporary Passport
- Ordinary Passport [Machine Readable]

Passport Application Processing Time: Up to eight (8) weeks

Application Processing Fees

- Adult Ordinary Passport [Machine Readable]: £110.00 (i.e. One Hundred and ten British Pounds Sterling)
- Adult Temporary Passport: £100 (i.e. One Hundred British Pounds Sterling)
- Child Ordinary Passport [Machine Readable]: £100.00 (i.e. One Hundred British Pounds Sterling)
- Child Temporary Passport: £80 (i.e. Eighty British Pounds Sterling)

Temporary Passport

If you are not able to travel to capture your biometrics, you may be able to apply for a **Temporary Passport**. This is valid for *one year only* from the date it is issued. This passport is issued for urgent cases and to ensure you can travel to Belize, to your nearest Belize Embassy or High Commission to capture your biometrics within 12 months – which includes your photograph, fingerprints and signature. The biometrics are required when applying for your Ordinary [Machine-Readable] Passport.

You will need to fill out all the passport application form for a Temporary Passport. In this case, kindly use the relevant mandatory checklist which lists the requirements associated to this application. This passport has 6 pages only. This passport is only issued once.

You may wish to consider all other options before deciding to apply for a Temporary passport.

Ordinary Passport [Machine-Readable]

Alternatively, if you are able to travel, you can apply for an **Ordinary Passport [Machine-Readable]** which is *valid for 10 years*. For this option, you will need to visit the Belize High Commission in London, your nearest Belize Embassy or fly directly to Belize. If you are in Belize, you can get your passport within 24hours. You can however, come to the Belize High Commission in London **only after** booking an appointment with Consular Services to **submit your biometrics**, which includes taking your photo, fingerprints and your signature.

You will need to fill out all the relevant passport application form for a Machine-Readable Passport. In this case, kindly use the relevant checklist which lists the requirements associated to this application which can be found at www.belizehighcommission.co.uk.

The entire process for a Temporary Passport or a Machine-Readable passport can take up to 8 weeks upon submission to the Department of Immigration and Nationality Services. It is important that you get all the completed and accurate forms to us as soon as you are able to do so. It is important you follow all the steps and do the application correctly the first time to avoid delays.

Please be aware of any travel advisories or special travel regulations before booking your flights.