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PRESS STATEMENT

Uganda opens e-Passport Enrolment Centre in Ottawa

The Directorate of Citizenship and Immigration Control (DCIC) has opened an e-Passport enrollment center at the Uganda High Commission in Ottawa-Canada. This center will enroll Ugandans living and working in Canada with the newly introduced East African Community Electronic Passports. The High Commission of Ottawa is also accredited to Cuba and The Bahamas.

DCIC embarked on the diaspora roll-out program at the beginning of this year starting in London, Washington DC, Abu Dhabi, Pretoria and now Ottawa.

The Ottawa Centre will serve between 80 to 100 passport applicants per month without having to return to Uganda.

The roll-out exercise continues with Copenhagen-Denmark, and Beijing-China next.

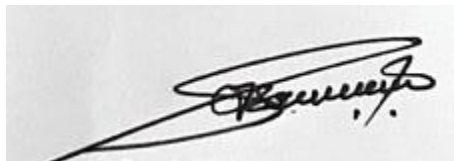
The Government of the Republic of Uganda started issuing the international e-Passport to the citizens on 7th Dec, 2018 after stopping the issuance of the old type Machine-Readable passports.

Government issued a notification of a 2-year transition period to phase out the old Machine-Readable passport by 31st January 2022. However, due to the restriction by the Covid-19 pandemic, the deadline for phasing out was extended to 4th of April 2022.

The Government of the Republic of Uganda calls upon all its citizens living in Canada, Cuba, the Bahamas and surrounding countries to take advantage of this newly opened center to apply for the renewal of their passports to avoid any inconveniences related to this phase out. To apply for a passport, one must visit our portal www.passports.go.ug. Thereafter, pay the requisite fees, schedule an appointment, appear in person at the Embassy on the appointed day and have their biometric details captured. The applicants will then wait for notification in the form of SMS to collect the passport.

The passport fees are as follows

Ordinary Passports	UGX 250,000
Service Passports	UGX 400,000
Diplomatic Passports	UGX 500,000
Courier fees	UGX 10,000
Fine for lost Passport/Damaged Passport	UGX 100,000



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