



MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Directorate of Citizenship and Immigration Control

PRESS STATEMENT

NOTIFICATION OF EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE FOR PHASE OUT OF MACHINE-READABLE PASSPORTS FROM 31ST JANUARY 2021 TO 4TH APRIL 2022 BY THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

The Government of the Republic of Uganda started issuance of the International e-Passport to the citizens on 7th December 2018 and as a result stopped issuance of the Machine-Readable Passports. Government issued a notification of a 2-year transition period to phase out the Machine-Readable Passports by **31st January 2021**.

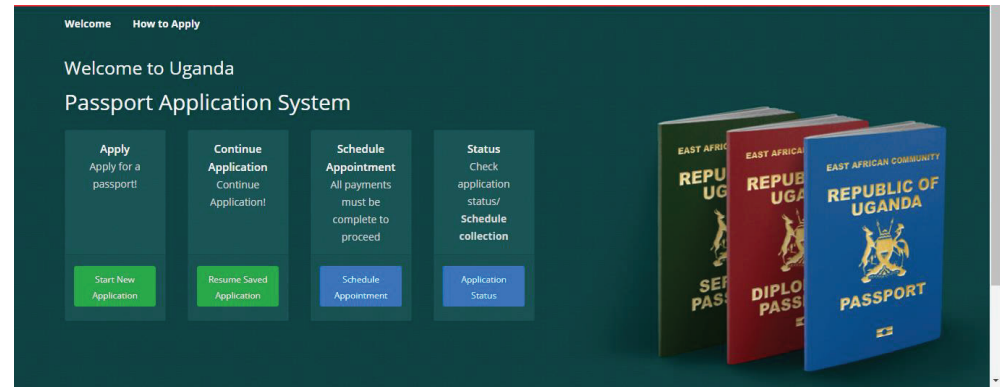
However, due to the restrictions that have been brought about by COVID-19 Pandemic, the deadline for phase of Machine-Readable Passports cannot be achieved without inconveniencing the public. We would like to notify the public of the decision to extend the phase out period from **31st January 2021 to 4th April 2022**.

The Government of the Republic of Uganda wishes to inform all citizens that the Machine-Readable Passports will continue to be used as a valid travel document alongside the new International e-Passport until **4th April 2022**.

The Government of the Republic of Uganda calls upon the public to take note of the new deadline. All citizens who have not yet changed to the new international e-Passport are encouraged to use this window of opportunity to migrate to the new e-Passport to avoid any inconveniences related to the new deadline. To apply, pay and schedule appointment, please log on to our e-Passport portal www.passports.go.ug.

In case of any clarification on this matter, please contact our Public Relations Office on telephones: **0800199003/0800199004 (Toll Free)** or email: info@mia.go.ug


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