



Translation of
Decree 13/2008 of 29 April

Templates for Biometric Passports

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As it is necessary to introduce a new form of passport, based on biometric or electronic data, the Council of Ministers, in terms of no. 1 of article 203 of the Constitution of the Republic, decrees:

Article 1
(Creation)

1. A new form of passport for national citizens is created, based on the biometric and electronic information contained in the annexure, which forms part of this Decree.
2. Passports are individual, non-transferable and may be:
 - a) Diplomatic;
 - b) For work purposes;
 - c) Normal.
3. A travel document may be issued, in addition to the passports referred to in the previous number.

Article 2
(Requirements for issue)

1. The following are requirements for the issuing of a passport:
 - a) Mozambican nationality;
 - b) Identity document;
 - c) Passport photographs;
 - d) Form, duly completed;
 - e) Proof of payment of a fee for the issuing of the document.
2. When the requirements for the issuing of a passport have not been met, or if circumstances justify it, a travel document may be issued, as an exception.
3. In the case of a minor of 18 years, a written declaration of authorisation, with a notarially verified signature, issued by the person who, in legal terms, exercises parental power over the minor, must be attached to the application, in addition to the requirements contained in number 1.

Article 3
(Validity)

A passport is valid for five years, and is not renewable.

Article 4
(Competence to issue)

1. The following authorities have the competence to issue normal passports:
 - a) The National Migration Service;
 - b) The Provincial Migration Services;
 - c) Diplomatic and Consular Agencies.
2. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation may issue diplomatic and work passports.

Article 5
(Special competencies)

1. The Ministry of the Interior is responsible for passing regulations on this Decree.
2. The Ministries of the Interior and Finance shall, by means of a joint diploma, establish a table of costs or fees to be charged for the issuing of a passport, and determine the percentage of the amounts charged in terms of this article to be allocated to each sector.

Article 6
(Protection of personal data)

The data recorded in the database, as well as that contained in a relevant passport application, may only be communicated to public, private and judicial entities on the terms set out in the law.

Article 7
(Security of information)

The database shall include such security guarantees as may be necessary to prevent the consultation, modification, printing, addition, destruction, theft or communication of data in violation of the provisions of this Decree.

Article 8
(Transitional provision)

1. Passports in circulation shall continue to be valid until they are replaced with biometric or electronic passports.
2. The entity which issued the passport shall indicate, with reasonable prior notice, the time periods within which old passports must be replaced with new ones.

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The Prime Minister, *Luísa Dias Diogo*.

Annexure

1. The dimensions of the passport are 125 x 88mm (as per rule ID-3 of rule ISO 7810), and shall comply with that which is set out in Doc. 9303 of the *International Civil Organisaion (ICAO)*, part I, volumes 1 and 2 of the 6th edition - *Machine Readable Passport*.
2. The colours of the passports shall be the following:
 - a) Diplomatic - dark red;
 - b) For work purposes - dark green;
 - c) Normal - dark blue.
3. The colours of travel documents shall be the following:
 - a) Emergency certificate - light blue;
 - b) Travel document for miners and seasonal workers - dark brown.
4. Front cover, outside:
 - a) The centre shall contain the emblem of the Republic of Mozambique, in a gold colour;
 - i) In the upper part, bearing the inscription "REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE",
 - ii) In the lower part, bearing the inscription "PASSPORT".
5. Front cover, inside:
 - a) In the centre, a background with the emblem of the Republic of Mozambique;
 - b) The upper part, bearing the inscription "*O Governo da República de Moçambique pede a todas as autoridades nacionais e estrangeiras que facilitem a liver circulação e concedam ajuda e protecção ao titular deste Passaporte em caso de necessidade.*"
 - c) The lower part, bearing the inscription "*The Government of the Republic of*"

Mozambique requests all authorities, both inland and abroad, to let the holder of this Passport pass freely, and afford assistance and protection whenever needed."

6. Back cover:
 - a) Outside, bearing no inscription;
 - b) Inside, bearing the inscription "*Important Recommendations*":
 - i. This passport is the property of the Republic of Mozambique;
 - ii. It is a personal and non-transferable document;
 - iii. The bearer of the passport shall ensure its appropriate safekeeping and use;
 - iv. It shall not be inscribed, nor altered, in any way;
 - v. Minors of 18 years of age may only travel with the authorisation of their legal representatives;
 - vi. In the case of loss, destruction or theft of the passport, the fact and its circumstances shall immediately be communicated to the Migration authorities, or to the local police.
 - vii. When abroad, the bearer shall register with the Diplomatic or Consular Agency of the Republic of Mozambique, and with the closest local police;
 - viii. A new passport may only be issued after an exhaustive investigation of the causes of the disappearance or destruction of the aforesaid.
 - ix. Once the period of validity of the passport has expired, the bearer shall apply for a new passport.
 - x. A passport holder who is permanently resident offshore shall register with a Diplomatic or Consular Agency of the Republic of Mozambique.
 - xi. This passport has 32 numbered pages, with its series and numbers punched into the top of the page.

7. The biometric passport shall contain a barcode, which shall store an encrypted copy of the visual and other information relevant to the citizen, as well as a machine readable zone.

8. The electronic passport shall, in addition to those matters referred to in the previous line, contain an integrated circuit, which shall store an encrypted copy of the visual and other information relevant to the citizen, as well as a machine readable zone.

9. The first page shall contain the following inscriptions:
 - a) In the upper part, "REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE";
 - b) A background, "Emblem of the Republic of Mozambique",
 - c) In the lower part, "*PASSAPORTE*" and "PASSPORT", and its series and number.

10. On the following page, it shall contain the bearer's identification information:
 - a) Type;
 - b) Country code;
 - c) Number of passport;
 - d) Photograph;
 - e) Surnames;
 - f) Names;
 - g) Nationality;
 - h) Date of birth;
 - i) Place of birth;
 - j) Number of identity document;
 - k) Sex;
 - l) Date of issue;
 - m) Place of issue;
 - n) Thumbprint;
 - o) Period of validity of document;
 - p) Signature of bearer.