



## Customs and Immigration Service

### Report

To: Minister for Justice and Justice and Home Affairs

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Subject: Passport Fee and Service Increases 2025

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#### Purpose of Report

To enable the Minister for Justice and Home Affairs to approve the increase in passport fees, and express service fees from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025 to align with those in the UK.

#### Background

On 6<sup>th</sup> September 2007 the Minister for Treasury and Resources, in exercise of their powers under paragraphs 5.12 of Financial Direction 4.1, approved the adoption of a formula for all future passport fee increases in Jersey (MD-TR-2007-0090). It was agreed that passport fees may be set at the same level as those in the UK.

In 2019, an additional Ministerial Decision (MD-TR-2019-DD045) was signed to ensure that all future increases for passport services were added to this formula to align express services and temporary emergency passport fees with those in the UK.

Financial Direction 4.1 has been replaced by the Public Finances Manual and confirmation from Treasury & Exchequer has verified that the Ministerial Decisions signed in 2007 and 2019 are still valid and no additional approval is required to increase passport fees in excess of 2.5%.

Section 86 of the Immigration Act 2016 as extended by the Immigration (Jersey) Order 2021 grants the Minister the power to provide for fees to be charged for the issuance of a passport or other travel document. Part 3 of the Immigration (Fees) (Jersey) Order 2022 details the fees applicable for passport applications. Part 4 of the Order permits fees to be charged which exceed the cost of exercising the function.

The UK implemented new fees for both passports and associated services on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025. Jersey passport fees were last increased to align with the UK on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024.



The proposed increases for 2025 relate to the passport and express services for adults and children. There is no change to the fee charged for temporary emergency passports. The proposed increase equates to 7 %. The UK have justified this increase by stating that

*“Passport fees are set at or below the cost of processing and delivering the services associated with making an application, which includes the cost of processing applications, consular support overseas (including for lost and stolen passports) and the cost of processing British citizens at UK borders. Currently income from passports is below the overall cost of operating these services, and the Home Office is increasing fees in order to move passport and associated operations closer to a cost recovery footing.”*

Colleagues in Guernsey have indicated that they will be proposing to their Lieutenant-Governor and Committee that fee increases should be implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025. Adopting this timescale will give the Jersey Customs & Immigration Service sufficient time to publish fee increases and allow applicants to review passport expiry dates and make an informed decision about when to make an application.

### Recommendation

That the Minister for Justice and Home Affairs approves the fee increase for standard passport, and passport services, from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025 and that these changes be reflected in an amendment to the Immigration (Fees) (Jersey) Order 2022. The increases are as follows:

	Current Fee	New Fee
Adult passports	£100	<b>£107</b>
Child passports	£69	<b>£74</b>
Adult Express Service	£166.50*	<b>£178*</b>
Child Express Service	£135.50*	<b>£145*</b>

\* Inclusive of passport fee

### Resource Implications

Jersey Customs & Immigration Service will need to liaise with the Law Draftsman to request the drafting of the amendment to the Immigration (Fees) (Jersey) Order 2022.

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