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TRAVEL FORMALITIES- PASSPORT

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- To cross international boundaries, tourists requires certain documents like
- Passport
- Visa
- Health certificates
- Foreign currency
- Customs Documents etc

Passport

- It is an official document showing a traveller's identity, issued by the competent authority (Ministry of External Affairs- Government of India).
- It is a proof of Nationality.



PASSPORT

- The **Indian passport** are passports issued to citizens of India for travelling abroad.
- They are issued by the Government of India. It enables the bearer to travel internationally and serves as proof of Indian citizenship as per the "The Passports Act" (1967).

Passport

- Citizens of all countries require a valid passport and visa granted by Indian embassies for entering India.
- Countries of Nepal and Bhutan when proceeding from their countries does not require passport or visa to enter into India.

Passport

- A passport is normally valid for ten years.
- A passport is normally valid for all countries unless exceptions are noted.
- A passport that is ten years old or that has no further room for visas must be replaced by one.
- A passport remains the property of the issuing authority and can be withdrawn at any time.

Passport

- Indian Passport have a navy blue cover, with the Emblem of India emblazoned in the center of the front cover.
- The words in Hindi and English: "PASSPORT" inscribed below the emblem and "REPUBLIC OF INDIA" inscribed below the Emblem.
- The standard passport contains 36 pages, but frequent travellers can opt for 60 pages.
- The passports contain a note from the President of India addressing the authorities of all states, identifying the bearer as a citizen of the Republic of India and requesting and requiring that the bearer be allowed to pass freely without any hindrance and be assisted and protected in any need.

Passport

- All passports generally contain similar information. This includes
 - Family name
 - Given Name
 - Nationality
 - Date of birth
 - Sex
 - Place of birth
 - Date of issue
 - Authority
 - Date of Expiry
 - Holder's signature
 - Holder's photograph

Types of Passport



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1. Regular passport - Navy Blue Cover

- The ordinary/ regular passport is issued to general citizens of India for ordinary travel purposes such as for doing jobs in other countries, for studies abroad and for business trips.
- This is a **Type “P” passport** where P stands for personal. It has a deep Blue Cover & has 36 pages or 60 pages.

2. Diplomatic Passport

- A diplomatic passport is a passport which is issued to someone who must travel internationally on official duty abroad.
- **Diplomatic passports are classically given to diplomats, top ranking government officials and diplomatic couriers when they are posted overseas,** and they may be issued to other people within the government as well, depending on the circumstances.
- This is a **Type “D”** passport where D stands for Diplomat. It has a Maroon Cover.

3. Official Passport

- An official passport is a passport which is issued to someone who has to **travel internationally on official state business (on Government work)**. These passports are issued mainly to people who should travel, rather than to people who are being assigned or posted outside the country.
- This is a **Type “S” passport** where S stands for Service. It has a White Cover.

4. Emergency Certificate and Certificate of Identity:

- Requirements for issue of an Emergency Certificate for one-way travel to India in case of non-availability of a valid Passport with the applicant and where a new passport cannot be issued immediately.
- No passport will ordinarily be issued in such cases. The applicant will be issued an Emergency Certificate after confirmation of his / her personal details and after his / her claim to be an Indian national is fully recognized through documents or by concerned Indian authorities.

5. Alien's Passport

- This type of passport may be issued to individuals living in a country of which they are not citizens.
- It is a travel document issued by a country to non-citizens (also called **aliens**) residing within their borders who are stateless persons or otherwise unable to obtain a **passport** from their state of nationality (also called refugees).

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