

**PART II**  
**PASSPORT REGULATIONS**

**CHAPTER I**  
**ORDINARY PASSPORT**

**ARTICLE 10:** The ordinary passport shall be issued by the Delegate General for National Security.

**ARTICLE 11:** Issuance of an ordinary passport shall be subject to payment of stamp duties as fixed by law.

**ARTICLE 12:** (1) Any Cameroonian requesting for an ordinary passport must file an application to the Delegate General for National Security.

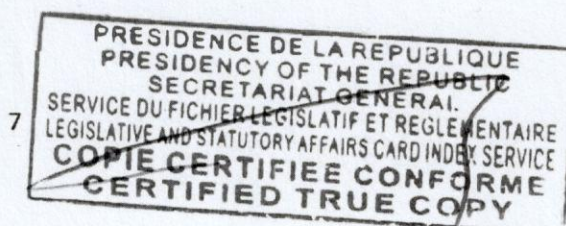
(2) Cameroonians residing abroad shall file the application with the heads of Cameroon's diplomatic missions or consular posts.

(3) The application shall be filed together with the following documents:

- a stamp duty payment receipt;
- a certified true copy of birth certificate;
- a certified true copy of the national identity card;
- evidence of professional activity, where applicable;
- a copy of residence permit, or any other document serving as such, for applicants residing abroad;
- a certified true copy of marriage certificate, for married women;
- a copy of the naturalization or reintegration decree, where applicable;
- a certificate of loss of passport, where applicable.

(4) An online registration must be made prior to submitting the application for an ordinary passport, save express waiver of the Delegate General for National Security.

**ARTICLE 13:** The application for passport for minor children shall be filed by one of the parents, the legal guardian or the holder of a duly legalized proxy letter. In addition to the items listed in Article 12(3) above, the application shall be backed by a certified true copy of the applicant's national identity card and, as the case may be, the legalized parental authorization by one of the parents, for the intended travel.





## CHAPTER II SERVICE PASSPORT

**ARTICLE 14:** A service passport shall be issued to any Cameroonian national not entitled to a diplomatic passport, but assigned to a permanent mission abroad, or who, in the exercise of his duties, is called upon to frequently carry out missions abroad on behalf of the Government.

**ARTICLE 15:** (1) The service passport shall be issued by the Delegate General for National Security, at the request of the competent authority.

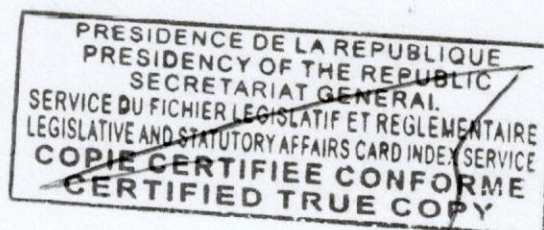
(2) The application shall be filed together with the following documents:

- a certified true copy of birth certificate;
- a certified true copy of national identity card;
- a copy of the mission order;
- a copy of the appointment or transfer instrument;
- a certified true copy of marriage certificate, for married women.

**ARTICLE 16:** The service passport shall be issued free of charge.

**ARTICLE 17:** The following persons shall be entitled to a service passport for their travel abroad or during their term of office:

- civil and military officials or State employees assigned to Cameroon's diplomatic missions and consular posts, as well as their spouses and minor and dependent children;
- secretaries-general of ministries;
- persons on a government mission abroad, as conferred by the President of the Republic;
- defence attachés and deputy defence attachés;
- military advisors and army, air force, navy and gendarmerie specialized attachés;
- diplomatic mission economic, cultural and financial advisors and their deputies, as well as their spouses and minor and dependent children;
- officials serving as foreign affairs attachés;
- diplomatic couriers;
- any other personality authorized by the President of the Republic.





**ARTICLE 18:** The following persons shall also be entitled to a service passport for official travel abroad and for the duration of their mission:

- civil and military officials, as well as State agents travelling for service purposes;
- Members of Parliament, save Senate and National Assembly Bureau members who are entitled to a diplomatic passport;
- managers of public establishments and enterprises, as well as their staff, up to the rank of Service Head;
- Cameroonians in world or regional international organizations holding positions from deputy director to the rank of service head, as well as their spouses and minor and dependent children;
- Cameroonians in sub-regional organizations holding positions from director up to the rank of service head, as well as their spouses and minor and dependent children.

### **CHAPTER III** **DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT**

**ARTICLE 19:** (1) Diplomatic passports shall be issued by the Minister of External Relations, at the request of career diplomats or the competent authority, as applicable.

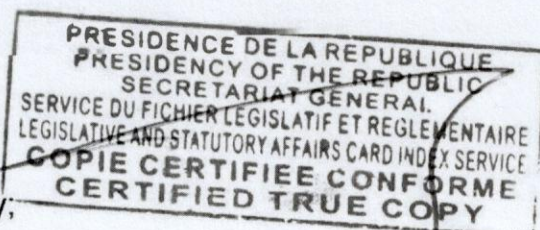
(2) The application shall be filed together with the following documents:

- a certified true copy of birth certificate;
- a certified true copy of national identity card;
- a copy of the appointment or absorption instrument;
- a certified true copy of marriage certificate, where applicable;
- a certified true copy of birth certificate, for minor children.

**ARTICLE 20:** The diplomatic passport shall be issued free of charge.

**ARTICLE 21:** The following personalities shall be entitled to a diplomatic passport for their travel abroad:

- the President of the Republic;
- the President of the Senate;
- the President of the National Assembly;

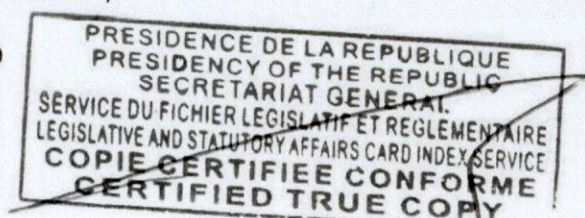




- the Prime Minister;
- the President of the Economic and Social Council;
- the First President of the Supreme Court;
- the President of the Constitutional Council;
- the Procureur General of the Supreme Court;
- former heads of State;
- Members of Government and persons ranking as such, during their term of office;
- former prime ministers;
- former ministers of external relations;
- Senate bureau members;
- National Assembly bureau members;
- presidents of regional councils;
- members of the Constitutional Council;
- officials of the Presidency of the Republic ranking at least as Attaché;
- officials of the Prime Minister's Office ranking at least as Attaché;
- generals during their period of activity;
- civil servants of the corps of diplomats;
- non-diplomat officials in service at the Ministry of External Relations ranking at least as director;
- Cameroonians holding the position of secretary-general, deputy secretary-general or director in world or regional international organizations;
- Cameroonians holding the position of secretary-general, deputy secretary-general or director in sub-regional organizations;
- embassy counsellors, secretaries and attachés under the Chancellery;
- any other personality authorized by the President of the Republic.

**ARTICLE 22:** The diplomatic passport shall also be issued to the spouses and minor and dependent children of the following:

- the President of the Republic;
- the President of the Senate;
- the President of the National Assembly;
- the Prime Minister;
- the President of the Economic and Social Council;
- the First President of the Supreme Court;





- the President of the Constitutional Council;
- the Procureur General of the Supreme Court;
- former heads of State;
- Members of Government and persons raking as such, during their term of office;
- Cameroonians holding the position of secretary-general, deputy secretary-general or director in world or regional international organizations;
- Cameroonians holding the position of secretary-general and deputy secretary-general in sub-regional organizations;
- civil servants of the corps of diplomats;
- embassy counsellors, secretaries and attachés under the Chancellery.

**ARTICLE 23:** The diplomatic passports of returning or retired personnel as well as those of their spouses and minor and dependent children shall be returned to the Ministry of External Relations, with the exception of:

- those with the dignity of Ambassador;
- civil servants of the corps of diplomats.

### **PART III**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS, TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS**

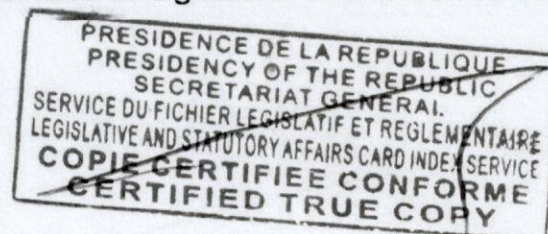
**ARTICLE 24:** Passports shall be valid for all countries, except as otherwise decided collectively or individually, as the case may be, by the Delegate General for National Security or the Minister of External Relations.

**ARTICLE 25:** The passport holder must report any loss or deterioration of a passport to the issuing authority.

**ARTICLE 26:** Any established fraud in the issuance and use of a passport shall subject the defaulter and his accomplices to the penalties provided for by the laws in in force.

**ARTICLE 27:** (1) The provisions of Decree No. 2013/2 of 4 January 2013, as amended and supplemented by Decree No. 2017/308 of 27 June 2017 to lay down conditions for the issuance of passports, are hereby repealed.

(2) However, passports in use at the date of signature of this decree shall remain valid until their expiry dates.





**ARTICLE 28:** The passports provided for by this decree shall enter into force on 1 July 2021.

**ARTICLE 29:** This decree shall be registered, published according to the procedure of urgency and inserted in the Official Gazette in English and French.

Yaounde, 17 JUIN 2021

