



Ghana High Commission
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PHASING OUT OF MACHINE-READABLE PASSPORTS

I have the honour to inform that the Government of Ghana has decided to gradually phase out its Machine-Readable Passports in the system as they expire by seizing renewal of such Passports.

2. For now, holders of valid Machine-Readable Passports may continue to use same until they expire. It should, however, be noted that holders of already expired Machine-Readable Passports who have applied to the High Commission or Consulates for renewal and have not yet received them would have to be issued with Biometric Passports as per Government directive.

3. As you may already be aware, the Ghana High Commission in Canberra is in the process of finalizing a Passport Biometric Capturing Station to cater for Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and other concurrently accredited countries. Therefore, applicants with expired Machine-Readable Passports who have already applied to the High Commission for renewal would kindly be requested to exercise some patience while the Mission fine-tune the installation of its Biometric Passport System.

4. The High Commission would appropriately inform the applicants on standby as well as all Ghanaians within its jurisdiction when the system is fully in place and running within the next few months.

5. It would therefore be appreciated if the above information could be disseminated to all Ghanaians.

6. Counting on your usual cooperation.

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