



**REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TOURISM  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT**

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***Communiqué***

***Manual extension of Passports for Seychellois citizens residing abroad***

The Government of Seychelles, through its Immigration and Civil Status Department, will begin issuing a manual renewal in the Seychelles Ordinary Passports for Seychellois citizens living abroad who cannot renew their expiring Passports. This follows the introduction of biometric passports last year, requiring applicants to be physically present at the only Passport Issuing Office in Victoria, Seychelles.

The manual renewal will be endorsed on page three of the Passport and will be valid for a maximum of three years from the expiry date of the Passport. All non-biometric Ordinary Passports shall be phased out by 2027.

This service has no application fee, and applicants must forward their Passports with an explanatory note to Passport Office in Victoria, Seychelles.

Passports for extension should be forwarded to:

**Passport Officer  
Immigration Division  
Immigration and Civil Status Department  
Independence House  
Victoria  
Seychelles  
Tel: (+248) 429 36 26  
Email: [gfrancoise@gov.sc](mailto:gfrancoise@gov.sc)**

Seychellois citizens with expired Passports still have recourse to an Emergency Travel Document (ETD) issued by Seychelles' Diplomatic and Consular Missions.

Additional information or queries can be directed to the Diaspora unit at [diaspora@mfa.gov.sc](mailto:diaspora@mfa.gov.sc)

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