

BIOMETRIC PASSPORT - PASSPORT 10 INFORMATION TO THE SWISS COMMUNITY IN JORDAN

Dear Sir/Madam, Dear Compatriot,

In a referendum held on 17 May 2009, the Swiss people gave their assent to the general introduction of biometric passports. The Federal Government has decided to begin issuing this new form of travel document **from 1 March 2010**.

Swiss representations abroad will be equipped to capture the biometric data required: a photograph of the applicant's face, as well as two fingerprints and his or her signature. This data will be recorded on a micro-chip incorporated into the passport.

Biometric data capture means that all applicants must necessarily attend in person. Minors and applicants in the care of a guardian must be accompanied by their parents or guardian, who will be required to give their consent by signing the application form. Divorced parents must provide proof that they have sole parental authority over the child. In the case of joint custody, both parents must give their consent.

When an identity document is renewed, the previous one must be surrendered for cancellation, as in the past.

The **existing types** of machine-readable (model 03) and biometric (model 06) passport may be ordered up to **11 February 2010 only**. These documents will then remain valid until their expiry date. Between February 15 and 24, it will not be possible to order a passport. In case of emergency, a short term temporary passport can be issued

As in the past, when ordering a new 2010-model passport, you will have the opportunity to order an identity card on advantageous terms at the same time.

For organizational reasons, you will need to order your new passport and **make an appointment for the biometric data to be captured** by calling the following telephone number: <u>06-593 1416</u>. Appointments made for the capture of biometric data may not be used for other consular business.

Further information about the new 2010-model biometric passport is available on the website of the Swiss Federal Department of Justice and Police: www.schweizerpass.ch or by calling the Embassy.

Please find hereafter the fees for Swiss travel documents.

Fees from 1 March 2010

Passport	Swiss francs CHF	Local currency JOD	Validity
Adult	140.00	98.00	10 years
Child under 18	60.00	42.00	5 years
Supplement for combined offer: passport and identity card	8.00	6.00	
Identity card	Swiss francs CHF	Local currency JOD	Validity
Adult	65.00	46.00	10 years
Child under 18	30.00	21.00	5 years
Postage	Swiss francs CHF	Local currency JOD	
Per document:	9.00	6.00	
Provisional passport	Swiss francs CHF	Local currency JOD	Validity
Adult and child	100.00	70.00	12 months
Supplement for issuing passport outside of the consulate's normal office hours in case	50.00	35.00	maximum

of emergency