

# INFORMATION TO DANES

## IN AUSTRALIA, FIJI AND NEW ZEALAND

### **From 1 January 2012 you need to go to the Embassy in Canberra or the Consulate General in Sydney if you need a new passport.**

From 1 January 2012 new Danish passports must contain digital photos, fingerprints and signatures. In this way safeguards against forgery and misuse of passports are strengthened considerably. Passports issued before 1 January 2012 already has a digital photo of the holder.

### **Your present passport is still valid until its date of expiry.**

The decision to introduce fingerprints in passports has been made at central level in the EU as part of the fight against terrorism, human trade, human trafficking, illegal immigration and other cross border crimes. With the new biometric passports Danish citizens will have the security of knowing that they are able to travel to countries which in the future will demand this type of passport for entry.

With the new passport you are protected in the best way possible against someone stealing your identity and pretending to be you and against forgery of your passport.

In order to issue a new passport special equipment for taking photos, recording fingerprints and signature is required. The applications must be handed to and handled by specially authorized staff that will have access to certain data in the Danish Civil Registration registry, the CPR Register.

As a consequence, from 1 January 2012 it will only be possible to apply for a passport in Australia, Fiji and New Zealand by personal appearance at the Embassy in Canberra or the Consulate General in Sydney. The Danish Honorary Consulates in Australia, Fiji and New Zealand will from that date no longer be authorized to accept passport applications.

The same applies already for citizens of other EU countries residing outside their home country. They also have to travel to the capital of the country in which they reside or to their home country to apply for a new passport.

### **What are my options until 1 January 2012?**

Until 1 January 2012 you have the options described [here](#). The new passports will be valid for 2, 5 or 10 years – just as it is the case now.

### **What can be handled by the Honorary Consulates from 1 January 2012?**

After 1 January 2012 the Honorary Consulates can still extend the validity of passports and issue emergency passports. Find the nearest Honorary Consulate in Australia, Fiji and New Zealand [here](#).

A condition for extension of an expired passport is that it expired no more than two years ago. A passport can only be extended once and only for a maximum of 12 months. We recommend that you make sure that the authorities of the country or countries to which you plan to travel accept extended passports. For instance, it is not possible to travel to USA without a visa on an extended passport.

An emergency passport is issued with a validity limited to the period required for the duration of the journey and the rules of the countries through which you travel. The maximum validity of an emergency passport is 12 months. An emergency passport must be surrendered to the Danish police or a Danish mission abroad after use. Travelling with an emergency passport may cause problems with other countries' border controls. Therefore, we recommend that you make sure that the authorities of the country or countries to which you plan to travel accept emergency passports.



**Can I get a new passport during my holiday in Denmark?**

Yes. It is already possible – and cheaper – to get a passport through a municipality (kommune) in Denmark. All Danish citizens can apply for a passport at the Office of Citizen Services (Borgerservicecenter) in any municipality. It is not necessary for you to reside in or in other ways be attached to the municipality. You can find addresses of Offices of Citizen Services at [www.kommune.dk](http://www.kommune.dk) (in Danish only). You may wish to call in advance for information about opening hours, booking of appointment etc. and inform the municipality that you reside abroad.

**Can my child be included in my passport?**

No. Since 1 October 2004 children, also new-borns and children not yet named, must have their own passport. A Honorary Consulate may issue a temporary (emergency) passport if you are in urgent need of a passport. See above about emergency passports.

**Must children also give their fingerprints?**

No. Fingerprints are not collected from children under 12 years of age, but they still have to appear in person in order to apply for a passport. From 1 January 2012 applications for passports for children can only be lodged with the Embassy in Canberra or the Consulate General in Sydney.

**Must I also go to the Embassy or the Consulate General to collect my new passport?**

No, you may appear in person to pick up your passport where you lodged your application. You may also – as is the case today – have your passport mailed to you. Before the Embassy or the Consulate General forwards your new passport, you must send in your old passport for cancellation.

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