

Passport policy - Libya

Stamp for travel to Libya

Since 1 January 1973, the Libyan authorities have refused to issue visas for travel to Libya unless the holder's particulars are in the Arabic language.

Libyan stamps should be entered manually and should be placed on page 4 of the biometric passport, or the next available right hand-page. The official Identity and Passport Office (IPS) stamp (FO stamp) must be placed beneath the "Libya" stamp on page 4, or the next available right-hand page with the words "Stamp Affixed" inserted within the stamp. **No initial or signature should appear.**

No English should be entered in the "Libya" stamp and applicants must arrange to have the details of the stamp completed in Arabic before applying for a Libyan visa. Applicants who seek information on translation of the details on the bio details page into Arabic should be advised to contact their nearest Libyan People's Bureau, Embassy, Consulate or Interests section (details of which can be obtained via the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO)). **Staff should emphasise to applicants that the stamp is not valid without the required translation and that IPS cannot perform this on their behalf.**

Existing passport holders may apply by post or in person to have a Libya stamp affixed to the passport; there is no fee for this service (including Premium and Fast Track if submitted at IPS counters) and an application form is not required. Where applicants for new or replacement passports indicate they are travelling to Libya their passports should be issued and flagged 'Libya stamp'. The Libya stamp will then be inserted.

For management information a record should be kept of the number of stamps affixed each week.