



Passports for newly weds and civil partners

Introduction

If you are getting married or forming a civil partnership and you are travelling abroad immediately after the ceremony, Her Majesty's Passport Office can issue a British Passport in your new name, up to three months before the ceremony. HM Passport Office will cancel your old passport, and postdate your new passport in your new name, making it valid from the date of your ceremony. This means you can't use it until the ceremony has taken place.

If you decide to apply for a post-dated passport you need to be aware that:

- You will need to send HM Passport Office your current passport along with your application form
- Your current passport will be cancelled, and you will no longer be able to use it for travel.
- Your new passport will be post-dated so it will not be valid until your ceremony has taken place.
- Some countries will not issue visas for postdated passports. You should check with the consulate of the country concerned.
- If the ceremony does not go ahead for some reason, the passport cannot be used and must be returned to HM Passport Office. You will have to pay for a new passport in your old name.

If you decide to amend your passport before the ceremony

You will need to complete a standard passport application form and a Post-Date form 2 (PD2). You can get both forms from a Post Office branch that offers the Check & Send service, or you can download the PD2 form from our website at www.gov.uk

Completing the PD2 form

You must complete both parts of the PD2 form:

Part 1 of the PD2 form should be completed by the person who is to perform the ceremony.

Part 2 of the PD2 form should be completed by you as the applicant. You should fill in this form using your current name and signature and not your future name. You should also complete the section that asks for the address of the HM Passport Office where the application will be sent. Please use the address that you will find on the envelope of your passport application form. If you are using an appointment only service, please provide the address of the office you are visiting.

Filling in the passport application form

You should complete the application form in full, including the signature at section 9 of the form, using the name you will take after your ceremony.

If your appearance has changed so that you can't be recognised from the photograph in your current passport, you will need to have your application countersigned. The person who countersigns your application should certify the back of one (not both) of your photographs as follows:

'I certify that this is a true likeness of

who, after marriage/civil partnership, will become

Signed

Name

Date.....

Other Points

- The full application fee is payable for the issue of a post dated passport.
- If you hold a valid passport and don't want to replace it with one showing your new name, you can continue to use your current passport and take your marriage or civil partnership certificate with you when you travel. However, some countries may insist that the details on your travel documents match those in your passport. HM Passport Office advises you to check with the consulate of the country you will be travelling to before booking your holiday.
- Some countries will not grant visas for post-dated passports. You should check with the consulate of the country you will be travelling to before applying.
- If you want to apply for a post-dated passport in your new name, but you want to continue to use your maiden name for professional purposes, you should make a statement at section 8 of the application form and we will add a note on the observation page of your passport showing your maiden name.
- Applications for post-dated passports for minors who are going to get married or enter into a civil partnership do not need to be supported by the written consent of a parent.
- Only those who are a British citizen, British Overseas Territories Citizen, British National (overseas), British Overseas Citizen, British Subject or British Protected Person before marriage are eligible for a British passport. You can find more information on how to apply for British citizenship at the United Kingdom Border Agency website at www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk.
- Visit www.gov.uk for guidance on applying for a passport and information on passport fees.

Contact Details

Visit GOV.UK to apply for a passport online, for information about applying for a passport, for information about appointments, for current passport fees, to find your nearest passport office or to find your nearest Post Office® that offers the Check & Send service

Passport advice line: 0300 222 0000* (8.00am to 8pm Monday to Friday, and 9.00am to 5.30pm weekends and public holidays)

Textphone: 0300 222 0222 or Text Relay on 18001 0300 222 0000 (for customers who are deaf or hard of hearing)

Passport fees advice 0300 222 1999 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week)
Textphone on 0300 330 1111 (for customers who are deaf or hard of hearing)

* Calls are charged at your network provider's national rate.

