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Tēnā koe John

OIA request 24/25 0427 Request for Additional passport information

Thank you for your Official Information Act (Act) request received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) on 3 November 2024.

You requested –

1. *Does the department issue the concurrent (second) passports to citizens?*
2. *If yes, what is the criteria and procedure to apply? How citizens apply the concurrent passport?*
3. *How many the concurrent passports have been issued yearly since 2009?*

On 5 November you were asked to clarify the meaning of the term ‘concurrent passports’ in your request. On the same day you replied confirming–

I mean an additional passport which is a secondary passport issued as a supplement to the holder's principal passport.

In response to your request, I can provide you with the following information.

Question one

I can advise the Department can issue additional passports, however, this is assessed on a case-by-case basis. It is important to note that if an additional passport is issued, it is not done so with an on-going commitment to renew.

Question two

I can advise that this information is already available on the Department’s website - www.dia.govt.nz/Official-Information-Act-Requests-2 via Official Information Act response [2122-0845](https://www.dia.govt.nz/Official-Information-Act-Requests-2) .

Therefore, I must refuse this portion of your request under section 18(d) of the Act; that the information requested is or will soon be publicly available

Question three

Caveats

- The data was collated on 8 November 2024 and is accurate as at this time.
- As the data is extracted from dynamic systems, there may be small variances when compared with prior or future datasets.

Additional Passports Issued Between 1 January 2009 – 31 October 2024

Calendar Year	Volume
2009	318
2010	294
2011	297
2012	285
2013	275
2014	286
2015	145
2016	149
2017	209
2018	224
2019	150
2020	57
2021	43
2022	161
2023	113
2024 (Jan - Oct)	81

I must advise the vast majority of additional passports are issued to people who need to use their soon to be expired passport while the Department is processing the application for a new passport (eg, air crew). The additional passport is put into a temporary invalid state when it is issued. Following confirmation with the holder or airline, a time is arranged at which point the new passport is activated and the previous passport is cancelled.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, the Department has decided to proactively release a copy of this response on the DIA website. All requestor data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release. The released response will be made available here: www.dia.govt.nz/Official-Information-Act-Requests-2.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi



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