

New Passport Information for Danes in Canada

From January 1, 2012 you need to go to the Embassy in Ottawa or the Consulate General in Toronto if you need a new passport

From January 1, 2012 new Danish passports must contain digital photos, fingerprints and signatures. This is an effort to strengthen the security against forgery and misuse of passports.

Your present passport is still valid until the date of expiry.

The decision to introduce fingerprints in passports has been made at central level in the EU as part of the combat against terrorism, human trade, human trafficking, illegal immigration and other transnational crime. With the new biometric passport Danish citizens have the option to travel to countries which in the future will demand this type of passport for entry.

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

In order to issue the biometric passport, installation of special equipment for taking photos and recording fingerprints and signature is necessary. The applications must be handed to and handled by specially authorized staff, who will have access to certain data in the central citizens registry, the CPR.

As a consequence, from January 1, 2012 it will only be possible to apply for a passport in Canada by personal appearance at the Embassy in Ottawa or the Consulate General in Toronto. The Danish honorary consulates will from that date no longer receive passport applications.

What are my options until December 31, 2011?

Until December 31, 2011 incl., you have the options described under here: [Current Passport Procedures](#)

The new passports will be valid for 2, 5 or 10 years – just as it is now.

What can be handled by the consulates from December 31, 2011?

After December 31 2011, the consulates can still extend the validity of passports and issue emergency passports.

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

An emergency passport is issued with validity limited to the period required for the duration of the journey and rules of the countries to be travelled through, and for a maximum of 12 months. An emergency passport must be rendered to the Police or to 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 you plan to travel to recognize emergency passports.

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

Yes. Already today it is possible – and cheaper – to get a passport with a municipality (kommune) in Denmark. All Danish citizens can apply for a passport at the Civil Service Center (Borgerservicecenter) in any municipality. It is not necessary for you to reside in or in other way be attached to the municipality. You can find addresses of Civil Service Centres at

www.kommune.dk. You may wish to call beforehand for information on opening hours, booking of appointment etc. and inform them that you reside abroad.

Can my child be included in my passport?

No. Since October 1, 2004 infants and children must have their own passport. A consulate may issue a temporary (emergency) passport if you are in urgent need of a passport. See above on emergency passports.

Must children also give their fingerprints?

No. Fingerprints are not collected from children below 12 years of age, but they still have to appear in person in order to apply for a passport. From December 31, 2011 applications for passports for children can only be handed in at the Embassy or the Consulate General in Toronto.

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

No, you only have to appear in person to apply for the passport. You may – as it is today – have your passport sent to you in a pre-paid, self-addressed courier envelope. But first you must send in your old passport for cancellation.