

Australian Passports (Fees) Amendment Determination 2024

I, Penny Wong, Minister for Foreign Affairs, make the following determination.

Dated 28 May 2024

Penny Wong Minister for Foreign Affairs

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1 Name

This is the Australian Passports (Fees) Amendment Determination 2024.

2 Commencement

(1) Each provision of this instrument specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

| Column 1 | Column 2 | Column 3 |
|------------------------------|---|--------------|
| Provisions | Commencement | Date/Details |
| The whole of this instrument | 1 July 2024. | |
| Note: | This table relates only to the provisions of not be amended to deal with any later amount | |

(2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this instrument. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this instrument.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under the Australian Passports Act 2005.

4 Schedules

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1—Amendments

Australian Passports Determination 2015

1 Paragraph 27(1)(k)

Omit "item 3", insert "item 4".

2 Subsection 27(2)

Repeal the subsection (including the heading), substitute:

Priority processing fee and fast track fee

(2) For the purposes of paragraph 56(2)(a) of the Act, and subject to section 28A, the Minister may waive the additional fee for a matter mentioned in item 1, 2 or 3 of the table in subsection 6(3) of the *Australian Passports (Application Fees)*Determination 2015 if the Minister is satisfied that there are compassionate grounds for the waiver of the fee.

3 Subsection 28(2)

Omit "item 2", insert "item 1, 2 or 3".

4 Subsection 28(3)

Omit "item 2", insert "item 1 or 3".

5 After subsection 28(3)

Insert:

Fast track fee

- (4) If the applicant has paid the additional fee for a matter mentioned in item 2 of the table in subsection 6(3) of the *Australian Passports (Application Fees)*Determination 2015 in relation to an Australian travel document, the Minister may refund the additional fee if:
 - (a) the travel document is not issued within 5 business days after the Minister receives all the information requested by the Minister for the purpose of being satisfied of the identity, entitlement or eligibility of the person in order to issue the document; or
 - (b) the Minister is satisfied that there are compassionate grounds for the refund of the additional fee.

6 Subsection 28(5)

Omit "item 3", insert "item 4".