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NOTIFICATION OF THE ROLL OUT OF ENHANCED e-PASSPORT AT THE NIGERIA HIGH COMMISSION, LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM

The High Commission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in London, United Kingdom has the honour to announce to the Nigerian community in the United Kingdom that, the long-awaited roll-out of the Enhanced e-Passport will take place on Tuesday, 23rd November, 2021 at the premises of the Mission.

2. Following the roll out of the Enhanced e-Passport in Nigeria in January, 2019, the Nigeria Immigration Service decided to fine tune the processing and production of the Enhanced e-passport before its launching overseas.

3. Some of the advantages of the Enhanced e-Passport over the current e-Passport include:

- i. Improved security features, which further guarantee the security of the document;
- ii. More options for applicants to choose from in terms of pages of booklet and length of validity;
- iii. Better protection of the booklet from physical damage from water and other liquid substances;
- iv. Safeguard/protection against alteration/manipulation; and
- v. Improved protection of the passport and its bonafide owner.

Categories of Enhanced e-Passport

- a. 32-page booklet with 5 – Year validity;
- b. 64-page booklet with 5 – Year validity; and
- c. 64-page booklet with 10 – Year validity.

National Identification Number (NIN)

4. A major requirement for the issuance of the Enhanced e-Passport is the National Identification Number (NIN). In this regard, the following

seventeen (17) NIN Enrolment Centres in five (5) cities namely Aberdeen, Glasgow, Leicester, London and Southampton have been licensed by the National Identification Management Commission (NIMC) to process NIN for Nigerians in the United Kingdom:

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Website: <https://simplifysynergy.com>
- Glasgow (ii) Eh-Led Global Resources Limited office, 97 Kingston Street, near Bonnypack Cash & Carry, Tradeston, Glasgow, G5 8BJ
Website: <https://ehledglobal.com>
- Leicester (iii) Online Integrated Solutions office, St. Georges House, 6 St Georges Way, Leicester LE1 1SH
Websites: Defcon Systems Limited (DSL)
National eAuthentication Limited (NeAL)
- (iv) VFS Global office, Peepul Centre, Orchardson Avenue, Leicester, LE4 6DP
Website: <https://dantatauniversal.com>
- London (v) Knowledge Square Nigeria Limited office, 160 Maple road, London, SE20 8JB
Website: <https://iqid.ng/>
- (vi) Online Integrated Solutions office, 56/57 Fleet street London EC4Y IJU
Websites: Defcon Systems Limited (DSL)
National eAuthentication Limited (NeAL)
- (vii) Thabez Global Resources Limited/Cox & Kings, 169 Old Kent Road, Ground Floor, SE1 5NA London
Website: <https://nin.thebezglobalresource.com>
- (viii) VFS Global office, 66 Wilson Street, London, EC2A 2BT
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- (x) Eh-Led Global Resources UK Limited, 2nd Floor, 1 – 3 Atwell Road, SE15 4TW London, UK Telephone: +44 02030111004 Website: <https://www.ehledglobal.com>
- (xi) Pandus Powell's Nigeria Limited, Unit 18, 17/73 Nathan Way, London SE28 0BQ
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Website: <https://ehledglobal.com>
- (xiv) Eh-Led Global Resources Limited office, Suite 106 (1), Plaza668, 66 Hitchin Road, Luton LU2 7XH
Website: <https://ehledglobal.com>
- (xv) Eh-Led Global Resources Limited office, 277A Green Street, E7 8LJ, Upton Park
Website: <https://ehledglobal.com>
- (xvi) IT Touch Limited office, Unit E2, 429-431 Wick Lane, Bow, London E3 2JG
Website: <https://ittouch.io>
- Southampton (xvii) Seamfix Limited office, 317 Shirley Road, Shirley Southampton SO15 3HW
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Website: <https://www.seamfix.com>

Pending e-Passport Applications at the Nigeria High Commission, London

5. As at today Thursday, 18th November, 2021, 4,093 Applicants for passports are awaiting invitation for biometrics. The Mission has since re-opening in April 2021, cleared the backlog of 19,195 as at 16th April, 2021. We have altogether produced 42,085 of passports between 16th April and 17th November, 2021. As at today, we have cleared the backlog from December 2019 to May 2021 – a spate of pending applications for 18 months. We shall continue to invite applicants for pending e-passport applications until the outstanding backlog for biometrics up to 19th November, 2021 are captured and produced.

6. Meanwhile, **the current e-Passport payment portal is expected to be shut down by midnight of Friday, 19th November, 2021.**

Thereafter, no e-Passport application would be accepted and all applications shall migrate to the Enhanced e-Passport system with effect from Saturday, 20th November, 2021, when the Enhanced e-Passport would be opened for application and processing. All passport applicants for the new Enhanced e-passport are therefore enjoined to register and obtain their National Identification Number (NIN) at any of the accredited Centres before online application for the Enhanced e-passport.

7. It is pertinent to note that the e-passport applicants who have already applied shall continue to receive attention until the last applicant has been attended to, while applicants for the Enhanced e-passport shall also receive invitation by email from the Mission. This is to allow the two systems to run simultaneously in order to address the needs of the existing applicants until the last application on November 19th, 2021 has been treated.

8. The production and postage of the Enhanced e-passport to respective applicant is expected within three weeks after biometrics.

9. The Costs of the Enhanced e-passport would be determined by the Nigeria Immigration Service before the commencement of online application. It is pertinent to mention that Nigeria High Commission, London is the first overseas mission to commence the issuance of Enhanced e-passport outside Nigeria. Congratulations to the entire Nigerians in the United Kingdom.

10. The introduction of the Enhanced e-Passport by the Nigerian Government is in compliance with the ICAO regulation, yearnings of Nigerians for longer-lasting and cost-effective travel document.

11. The High Commission will continue to update all Nigerians on any new development and appeal to applicants to exercise patience, as their applications would continue to be processed.

**Nigeria High Commission
London, United Kingdom.**

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