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Features of Dutch passports



On 30 August 2021 a new design of the national passport was introduced. At the same time, a new design of the refugee travel document was also introduced. The other new passport designs were introduced in November 2021.

By including the document holder's citizen service number (BSN) in a QR code, the new design fulfils a commitment to the House of Representatives. A number of changes have also been made to maintain consistency across all Dutch travel documents. The changes will help to prevent fraud, misuse and forgery.

Passports are valid for up to 10 years. The maximum period of validity of passports issued to children under the age of 18 is five years. Travel documents for refugees and aliens are valid for up to five years. Emergency passports and laissez-passers are valid for up to one year.

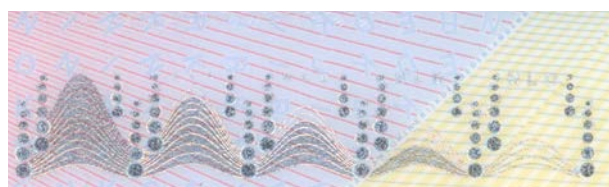
This document provides information about the security features of the new design, where these features are located on the passport and how they can be verified.

Changes to the design (front side of biographical data page)

The following changes have been made to the front side of the biographical data page of the 2021 Dutch passport design.



Front side of biographical data page of 2021 national passport



1. New Kinegram



Back of biographical data page of 2021 national passport

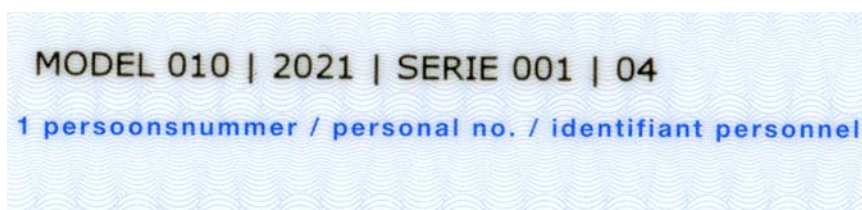
2. QR-code with BSN

The document holder's BSN is contained in a QR code on the back of the biographical data page of their passport. Their BSN has therefore been removed from the machine-readable strip and chip. The BSN still appears in numerical form on the back of this page. QR codes offer a fast, easy and accurate way to read BSNs. The BSN-related changes apply only to national passports and business passports. Other passport designs do not include a BSN.



3. Design number

The design number appears on the back of the biographical data page of passports, emergency passports, and laissez-passers.



Design number of 2021 national passport

First-line security features



Front side of biographical data page of 2021 national passport

1. Second photo (Stereo Laser Image®)

Location

Biographical data page of passports.

Description

Second image of photo with year of birth and three-dimensional effect.

Verification method

With the naked eye.



2. Raised print

Location

At the left and right sides of the laminated biographical data page of the passport.

Description

The raised print can be felt and the text 'Koninkrijk der Nederlanden' (Kingdom of the Netherlands) is also visible when held at a certain angle.

Verification method

By touch.



3. Kinegram®

Location

On the biographical data page of passports, to the left and right respectively under the first and second photos.

Description

Metallised image that can change shape and colour.

Verification method

By tilting the passport.



4. Watermark

Location

On the paper pages of passports, emergency passports and laissez-passers.

Description

Multi-tone watermark.

Verification method

With the naked eye and by holding up to a light source.



5. Document number

Location

Biographical data page and paper pages of passports, emergency passports and laissez-passers.

Description

The number is laser-engraved in the laminated biographical data page of passports. Conical laser perforations in each paper page. Number format: positions 1 and 2: letters; positions 3 to 8: letters or digits; position 9: digit. The letter 'O' and the number 'o' are not used in document numbers.

Verification method

The document number can be read with the naked eye. Perforated document numbers can be seen by holding up to a light source.



6. Tilted Laser Image (TLI)

Location

Biographical data page of passports.

Description

Perforations showing the month and year of the document holder's birth.

Verification method

By holding up to a light source.



The CSCA certificate is required to verify the authenticity of the data on the chip. The CSCA certificate can be found at www.npkd.nl.

Below is an overview of the passport designs introduced in the course of 2021.

34 pages
Introduced: 30 August 2021



34 pages
Introduced: 30 August 2021



66 pages
Introduced: 5 November 2021



34 pages
Introduced: 29 November 2021



66 pages
Introduced: 29 November 2021



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No changes were made to the emergency passport or laissez-passer in 2021. For information on the features of these documents, please consult the document 'Features of Dutch passports and Dutch identity card 2014'.