

## **FAQ**

### **CORRECTION OF DATE OF BIRTH IN PASSPORT - NEW GUIDELINES BASED ON KERALA HIGH COURT JUDGMENT (case No. 9073/2015 dated 23/06/2015)**

#### **Major Applicants**

1. If the applicant was a major when his/her first passport with incorrect date of birth was issued, he/she can correct it, within five years of issue of the first passport. No change of date of birth is allowed afterwards.

#### **Minor Applicants**

2. If the applicant was a minor when his/her first passport was issued, he/she can correct the date of birth, any time when he/she is a minor, or when he/she first time applies for reissue of passport after becoming a major.

#### **Requirement of Documents**

3. Only a genuine birth certificate issued by the competent authority will be accepted as a proof of age for correction of date of birth in the passport. No other document such as School Certificate etc. will be accepted for correction of date of birth. In exceptional cases, official documents proving correct date of birth may be considered.

#### **Fine payable**

4. Prescribed fine shall be levied on the applicant, who seeks correction of date of birth in the passport, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Passports Act, 1967 and Rules framed there under.

#### **Fake documents**

5. Application fee and penalty will not be reimbursed if the application for correction of date of birth is found to be incomplete, faulty or fraudulent. In case of fraudulent applications for change of date of birth based on forged or fake documents, appropriate action will be taken in accordance with the Passports Act.

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