

Restrictions on the use of identity documents

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With the personal identification document, it is forbidden to perform the following actions:

- to damage the document, make any marks or alterations of the initial content which is not provided by the legislation;
- to withdraw the document;
- to pledge or charge the document;
- to give the document for another person's usage;
- to use another person's personal identification document or a temporary document;
- to issue the document to another person, except the case provided by the particular law;
- to use a document which is no longer valid for use.

The passport or identity card shall be changed if the previous passport or identity card has become invalid or the information contained therein has changed:

- the name or surname of the person has changed;
- the legal status of the person has changed;
- the document contains defects due to which it is not possible to visually identify the holder of the document or read the information indicated therein, or the document does not conform to the specified sample;
- changes have been made in the document or its original content that are not provided for in regulatory enactments;
- the holder of a personal identification document has reported in writing the loss of a passport or identity card to the issuing authority, the State Police or the State Border Guard Institution, or the diplomatic or consular service of the Republic of Latvia;
- the document has expired;
- the person wants to receive a new personal identification document instead of using the valid previous model identity document.

Passports invalid for travelling:

All passports of Latvian citizens and non-citizens are valid for travel, except:

Passports of Latvian citizens issued before 30 June 2002 (with a photo card affixed);

Passports of Latvian citizens issued in the period from 1 July 2002 to 19 November 2007 with a validity of 50 years and passports of non-citizens of Latvia issued in the period from 10 April 1997 to 19 November 2007 with a validity of 50 year, are not valid for travel from 20 November 2017.

REMEMBER!

Before going on a trip, it is especially important to make sure in advance that your passport will be valid for the entire duration of the trip.

Those citizens whose passports are about to expire need to be careful, as there are countries that impose specific entry requirements, e.g. so that the passport is valid for at least another 3 or, in other cases, even 6 months after the planned travel end date.

We recommend that you contact the embassy of the country in advance to clarify its requirements for the travel documents.

All other passports of Latvian citizens and non-citizens are valid for both travel and residence in Latvia until their expiry date.

<https://www.pmlp.gov.lv/en/restrictions-use-identity-documents>