

# NO2ID Public Information: New Passports

**If you are 16 or over and you don't already have an 'adult' 10-year passport, then you need to get one – NOW.**

## Read this:

### **1. Getting a passport is about to become *much* more complicated and inconvenient...**

From May 2007 onwards, a new network of 69 government ID interrogation centres has been quietly opening across the UK. Now if you apply for your first adult passport, then you may be called for a compulsory "interview" at one of them.

Formerly it took around two weeks to get a new passport. The new way – called "Authentication by Interview" – is expected to take between *four and six weeks*. Not only will you have to fill in a bigger form, but you'll be made to travel at your own expense to your nearest interrogation centre for official questioning. The government admits the questions will be "intrusive".

Furthermore, the government agency running the scheme predicts that because of the changes, as *many as 1 in 4 young people will not receive their new passport in time to make their trip*. "Fast track" passports, which you can now get in an emergency within one week are being abolished for first time applicants. You will have no choice but to wait your turn to be interrogated at a time that suits them.

### **2. ...and make a government file on you for life**

People applying for their passport for the first time in 2007 are guinea-pigs for Tony Blair's ID scheme. Soon processing you is planned to include fingerprinting. This is what 'ID cards' *really* mean: government collecting more information on you and linking it all up.

The passport application form in future will ask you to give lots of information about yourself: official numbers, addresses for the last few years, maybe about your family or education... And you'll sign to declare that it's the truth.

That information will be used to look up everything recorded about you on all the available government and business databases: school records, social services, police, credit, perhaps family details... all currently separate and private... to build a single file of personal information on you for official use.

The interview will check that you can give answers about private details of your life that match the official ones. If you can, you'll get your passport. If not... it is not clear, but trying to get a passport "under false pretenses" – if the computer says "no" – could be serious. If nothing else, it means more waiting. And "suspicious" details on file for life.

### **3. Why apply now?**

Get a passport soon and you may avoid this processing until you need a new one – 10 years. If the new scheme works (for the government, there's nothing in it for you), then this will be the start of "ID management" by government being forced on all UK residents – a file on everyone. But if you stay off the system, it may never work. The opposition parties say they'll scrap it. Get a passport now. Keep your privacy; and help save everyone else's, too.

### **4. How do I apply for my first adult passport?**

You can get a form at any Post Office and do it by post. Photos and any necessary documents can be checked by Post Office staff for a small fee. You are already barred from using the 'Fast Track' service except for renewing an old passport.

For more details, or to download an application form, you can visit the UK Passport website:

[http://www.passport.gov.uk/passport\\_online.asp](http://www.passport.gov.uk/passport_online.asp)

Or call the Passport Adviceline on 0870 521 0410.

### **5. Tell friends and family, and send a message**

Please tell your friends and family, if you think their private lives should stay their own. Print this sheet, distribute copies, pin it on notice boards. We need to reach hundreds of thousands of 16-24 year olds before it's too late. Send the Prime Minister a message he won't forget: "Take a hike, Tony".

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