

**Embassy of India**  
**Abu Dhabi**

**Advisory on passport submission for senior citizens (above 60 years) minor children (below 12 years), pregnant women and differently abled applicants**

It has been decided to temporarily exempt senior citizens (above 60 years), minor children (below 12 years), pregnant women and differently abled applicants from 'Physical Appearance' at BLS international centers, while applying for passports considering the ongoing social distancing norms in connection with the COVID-19 Pandemic. However, in order to complete official formalities, the following procedures would be adopted in these cases:-

- An authorization letter from the applicant authorizing his/her family member/close relative in case of senior citizen(above 60 years) authorizing to deposit dully filled in passport application form along with relevant documents on his/her behalf;
- An authorization letter from the applicant authorizing her husband/family member/close relative in case of pregnant woman authorizing to deposit dully filled in passport application form along with relevant documents on her behalf besides supporting medical documents confirming pregnancy;
- In case of minor children (below 12 years) a joint undertaking of both father and mother stating their no-objection to be submitted along with passport application form and relevant documents; and only one of the parent need to be present at BLS centers; and
- In case of the differently abled applicants, father/mother/family member may visit BLS centers for submitting the passport application form along with relevant documents, besides supporting medical documents/authorization letter as applicable.

These temporary measures facilitating above category of applicants would be in force until the situation improves.

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