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**In the name of people  
Presidency**

### **Resolution No. (35)**

Based on what had approved by parliament in accordance with provisions of Item (First) of Article (61) and Item (Third) of Article (73) of the constitution, the President of the Republic decided on 9/ 9/ 2015 issuing the following law:

### **No (32) 2015 Passport Law**

#### **Article 1**

For the purpose of this law, the following terms shall mean the meanings indicated to them:

First: Minister: The Minister of Interior.

Second: Director General: The director general of the General Nationality.

Third: Director : The director of the passports in the Ministry of Interior.

Fourth: Passport officer: The passports' director, officers , employees and who is authorized by the Minister to issue travel documents stipulated in this law.

Fifth: Iraqi: A person who enjoys Iraqi nationality accordance with the nationality law.

Sixth: Competent employee: The employee in the ministry of foreign affairs who has the authority of passport officer who works in Iraqi embassies and diplomatic consular missions outside the Republic of Iraq.

Seventh: Passport: The document issued by the state to an Iraqi for the purpose of traveling outside Iraq or returning to it.



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Eighth: Laissez-passer: The document issued by the state to an Iraqi who loses his/ her passport outside Iraqi and to a foreigner who loses his/ her passport in Iraqi and his/ her country has no diplomatic representation in it.

Ninth: Travel document: The document issued by the state to travel outside Iraq or return to it in exceptional circumstances.

Tenth: Passport form: The electronic information form based on which the passport is issued.

### Article 2

First: The passport shall be of four types:

- a. Diplomatic
- b. Special
- c. Service
- d. Normal

Secondly: The Passports Directorate shall be linked to the Ministry of Interior and shall undertake issuing all kinds of passports.

### Article 3

First:

- a. A passport shall be issued to each Iraqi independently and it shall not be permissible to add to it and shall include its holder's photo and personal data.
- b. A passport shall be issued to the Iraqi whose civil record is devoid of a surname by adopting his/ her third name as his/ her surname in the passport, and his/ her children may adopt that name as a surname for them in their passport.
- c. It shall not be permissible to issue more than one valid passport for one person of same type.
- d. It shall not be permissible to leave Iraq except for those who hold a passport, a laissez-passer or travel document issued in accordance with the law.

Second: The following shall be excluded from the provisions of Paragraph (d) of Item (First) of this Article:

- a. Those exempted under international conventions to which the republic of Iraq is a party and within the limits of those conventions.



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- b. Navigators of the ships or plans those arrive in Iraq and leave it to complete their travel or return to their countries after leaving terminating the service in Iraq or any user in Iraq in the capacity of (Navigator) in a ship or aircraft.
- c. Nomadic Bedouins whose living conditions require movement across the Iraqi land borders

Third: It shall not be permissible to view or copy personal data stored electronically in the system for issuing machine-readable passports and saved on paper, except with the approval of the Director-General.

### Article 4

The competent employee shall issue, renew or extend passports for Iraqis who are outside Iraq, regardless of their reasons for their presence, in accordance with the provisions of this law.

### Article 5

First: An Iraqi who has completed (18) eighteen years of age may obtain a passport.

Second: It shall be permissible to issue a passport for a person under the age of (18) eighteen years with the approval of his/ her guardian or trustee.

Third: The personal status court or the competent personal matters court shall undertake considering the request to issue a passport for the persons stipulated in Item (Second) of this Article in the absence of the guardian or trustee.

### Article 6

First: It shall not be permissible to grant a passport to an Iraqi against whom a final court ruling to ban the travel has been issued, except after the ban is lifted by the authority that issued it.

Second: The Minister of Interior shall withdraw the Iraqi passport from an Iraqi who is proven guilty of a terrorist crime or an act that undermines the internal or external security of the state and is imprisoned in accordance with a final court ruling.



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Third: The Iraqi covered by the provisions of Item (Second) of this Article shall be given a valid passage document to return to Iraq.

### Article 7

The Prime Minister and for requirements of the public interest may grant non-Iraqi persons present in Iraq Iraqi passports and withdraw from them when necessary after the approval of the Council of Ministers.

### Article 8

The directorate shall collect a fee of (25,000) twenty-five thousand dinars or its equivalent in foreign currency when issuing the following:

- a. First-time Passport.
- b. Damaged- or lost passport after the court's decision.
- c. Expired-replacement passport or run-out-pages passport.

### Article 9

First: An Iraqi who has loses or damages his/ her passport inside Iraq shall register a notification of this in the Passports Directorate, one of its departments in the provinces or the nearest police station.

Second: An Iraqi who loses or damages his/ her passport inside Iraq shall register a notification of this before the competent employee.

Third: The competent employee shall grant the authority to conduct a preliminary investigation with someone who loses or damages his/ her passport, and the results of investigation shall be sent to the competent authorities for taking legal measures in this regard.

Four: The Passports Directorate shall invalidate lost or damaged passports.

Fifth: The Director General or his/ her authorized representative shall grant a new passport to the Iraqi who damages or loses his/ her passport for the first time inside or outside Iraq after paying the fine stipulated in the Item (First) of Article (10) of this law.



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### Article 10

- First: The Passport Directorate shall collect a fine of (250,000) two hundred and fifty thousand Iraqi dinars or its equivalent in foreign currencies for someone who damages or loses his/ her valid passport for the first time inside or outside Iraq due to negligence.
- Second: Anyone who loses or damages his/ her valid passport more than once shall be punished with a fine of no less than (250,000) two hundred and fifty thousand dinars and not more than one million dinars (1000,000).
- Third: An Iraqi outside Iraq who loses his/ her valid passport for the second time shall be granted a laissez-passer to return to Iraq, and the legal procedures stipulated in the Item (Second) of this Article shall be taken against him/ her.
- Four: A person against whom a final judgment decision of conviction has been issued based on the provisions of the Item (Second) of this Article shall not be granted anew passport, except after the lapse of three months starting from the date of the issuance of judgment, the Minister or whomever he/ she authorizes, in the cases he/ she deems, may grant him/ her a passport before the expiry of the mentioned period.

### Article 11

The Misdemeanours Court, in which the Passports Directorate or its departments are located in the provinces are within its jurisdiction location, shall deal with the violations stipulated in the Items (First) and (Second) of Article (9) of this law and send the investigative papers in accordance with the electronic correspondence to the legal department in the General Passports Directorate to obtain the due-to-law approvals to decide on issuing the passport within a period of (30) thirty days.

### Article 12

- First: For the purposes of this law, the Director General shall undertake the following duties:
- Exchanging passports in accordance with the law.
  - Invalidating the passports in the following cases:



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1. If it is proven that the Iraqi has renounced his/ her nationality or it has been withdrawn from him/ her.
  2. Loss of the passport after popularizing its descriptions to the competent authorities.
  3. Expiry of the passport or running out of its pages.
  - c. Prevention of any person holding a passport from leaving the Republic of Iraq if a judicial decision was issued against him/ her to prevent travel.
  - d. Determination of the form and data of the forms of passports and travel ban.
- Second: The Director General may authorize the Director of Passport directorate to perform the tasks stipulated in the Item (First) of this article.

### Article 13

First: The passport officer may:

- a. Ask the person leaving the Republic of Iraq or coming to it to show his/ her passport, laissez-passer or travel document and he/ she may ask him/ her questions regarding his/ her identity and his/ her movements, and this includes the persons stipulated in Item (Second) of Article (3) of this law.
- b. Inquire of any person suspected of concealing documents from him /her, and may search him/ her and his/ her luggage, and a woman may not be frisked except by a woman
- c. Entering any means of land, sea or air transportation after examining their documents.

Second: The legal instrument stipulated in the Item (First) of this article means a passport, legal document, papers, letter, map, personal photo, copy of letter or any other written or printed thing.

### Article 14

If it is confirmed to the passport officer that a person has committed a crime punishable under the in-force Iraqi laws, the officer shall prevent his/ her from travel and the officer may revoke the permission to travel or visa, provided that he/ she is presented to the competent investigative judge within (24) twenty-four hours.



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### Article 15

A period of not less than three years imprisonment shall be imposed on anyone who:

First: Sells or buys an Iraqi passport or possessed it with the intention of using it contrary to the requirements of its issuance.

Second: Damages, spoils, defects or invalidated his /her valid passport in bad faith.

Third: Leaves or tries to leave the Republic of Iraq after being informed of his/ her preventing from travel or departure.

Forth: Leaves or attempts to leave the Republic of Iraq, or enters it or tries to enter it other than the ways and places designated for examining documents.

### Article 16

The punishment shall be imprisonment for a period of not less than one year and not more than (3) three years for anyone who:

First: Obtains or traies to obtain a passport by deceiving the passport officer despite having a valid passport of the same type.

Second: submits Intentionally a statement or information in the passport form or in any matter related to obtaining a passport in violation of the provisions of this law, or fakes government papers and document.

### Article 17

Whoever incites or assists any person to commit one of the crimes stipulated in articles stipulated (15, 16) of this law shall be punished with the same penalty.

### Article 18

First: The passport officer shall initiate a criminal lawsuit in the crimes stipulated in this law.

Second: If the crime punishable under this law is punishable by another law, the accused shall be punished under the most server penalty.





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Third: A new passport shall not be granted to anyone who has sentenced with final ruling in accordance with article (15) and (16) of this law throughout his/ her sentence duration.

### Article 19

The Passports Directorate shall undertake damaging the files under which passports were issued after one year from the date of their validity, provided that they are electronically stored in the data base.

### Article 20

First: The following shall be determined by regulations:

- a. Persons to whom passports, laissez-passer and travel documents are issued.
- b. Forms of passports, laissez-passer and passing documents, where they are issued, how they are requested and their period of validity.
- c. The mechanism for issuing travel documents for foreigners, and the form of these documents.
- d. Ways to enter and leave the Republic of Iraq and places to examine documents.

Second: The conditions for granting passports, laissez-passers and travel documents shall determine by instructions issued by the Minister.

Third: The Minister may issue instructions to facilitate the implantation of the provisions of this law.

### Article 21

The passport law no. (32) of 1999 shall be repealed and the regulations and instructions issued thereunder shall remain in force in a manner that does not contradict with the provisions of the law until the issuance of what replaces or repeals them.



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### Article 22

This law shall be effective from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

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