

HOLY SEE and VATICAN CITY STATE PASSPORTS

General information (*security features may be found in the official folder*)

The Holy See and Vatican City State are both subjects of international law – identified by the same ICAO code: VAT – presided over by the Pope, through:

- The Secretariat of State, which is competent for diplomatic relations between the Holy See and the international community;
- The Governorate of Vatican City State, which supervises the territory of Vatican City according to the sovereign wishes of the Pope.

Each entity issues its own passports.

The Holy See has two kinds of electronic passports: *diplomatic* (PD) and *service* (PS), as well as the *temporary service* passport (PT), which is not electronic.

The Vatican City State has an electronic *ordinary* passport.

All four Vatican passports can be optically read and conform to ICAO norms (DOC 9303).

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HOLY SEE (SANTA SEDE)

DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT (*version A and B valid until exp. date*)

- A) 01 JUN 2008 – 14 OCT 2013 *48 pages*
- B) 15 OCT 2013 – 31 MAY 2017 (new biodata page layout, same booklet)
- C) 01 JUN 2017 – ... current (polycarbonate) *50 pages, standard format*

In all cases:

Validity – 10 years (max)

Nationality – Vatican or other

Renewal – possible (handwritten): *if renewed*, the passport is to be considered as an emergency travel document

Issuing – centralized, Secretariat of State of the Holy See (Vatican City)

Issuing Authority signature – for internal use only. A) and B) on biodata page. C) on page 5

e-pass – C) = S.A.C. (*Supplemental Access Control*)

SERVICE PASSPORT (*version A and B valid until exp. date*)

- A) 01 JUN 2008 – 14 OCT 2013 *48 pages*
- B) 15 OCT 2013 – 31 MAY 2017 (new biodata page layout)
- C) 01 JUN 2017 – ... current (polycarbonate) *50 pages, standard format*

In all cases:

Validity – 5 years (max)

Nationality – Vatican or other

Renewal – possible (handwritten): *if renewed*, the passport is to be considered as an emergency travel document

Issuing – centralized, Secretariat of State of the Holy See (Vatican City)

Issuing Authority signature – for internal use only. A) and B) on biodata page. C) on page 5

e-pass – **C**) = S.A.C. (*Supplemental Access Control*)

PASSPORT for TEMPORARY SERVICE

(this is issued for short period service and is not an emergency passport)

A) 01 JUN 2008 – 14 OCT 2013 32 pages

B) 15 OCT 2013 – ... current (new biodata page layout)

In all cases:

Validity – 2 years (max)

Nationality – Vatican or other

Renewal – possible (handwritten): *if renewed*, the passport is to be considered as an emergency travel document

Issuing – centralized, Secretariat of State of the Holy See (Vatican City)

Issuing Authority signature –for internal use only, on biodata page.

Biometric – MRTD, ICAO 9303 compliant

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VATICAN CITY STATE

ORDINARY PASSPORT (*version B valid until exp. date*)

A) 01 JUN 2008 – 14 OCT 2013, 32 pages

B) 15 OCT 2013 – 30 SEPT 2020 (new biodata page layout)

a) Starting 01 NOV 2016 - chip with holder's fingerprints; same booklet

C) 01 OCT 2020 – ... current (polycarbonate) 50 pages, standard format

In all cases:

Validity – 5 years (max)

Nationality – Vatican citizens only

Renewal – possible (handwritten): *if renewed*, the passport is to be considered as an emergency travel document

Issuing – centralized, Governorate of Vatican City State

Issuing Authority signature – no Authority signature.

e-pass – **C**) = S.A.C. (*Supplemental Access Control*)