



Introducing the new **United Kingdom Passport**

Home Office

**Identity &
Passport Service**

The Identity and Passport Service (IPS) is committed to maintaining the integrity and security of the passport, so that UK nationals have a modern and secure document when they travel.

We update our passport at regular intervals to keep pace with the latest security developments. This ensures that the security of the UK passport is continually improved to combat fraud.

In October 2010, we will be phasing in a new version of the passport, featuring a new design and improved security features to ensure that the UK passport remains a highly secure and trusted document meeting rigorous international standards.

Some customers will get the current passport during this time of transition and any existing passports will remain valid until their date of expiry. It is usual for valid passports with different designs to be in circulation at any one time.

The new security features

The **biographical page** (personal details) has moved to the front of the passport. This page is protected by a thin film of laminate which includes several difficult to forge holographic features to protect the holder's personal details. This laminate contains a unique serial number which is 'cut' into the metallised area beneath the holder's image. This number contains seven alphanumeric characters and should not be confused with the passport number.

The new design theme

The design theme is 'Scenic United Kingdom' and includes images of well-known landscape scenes, including the White Cliffs of Dover, the Gower Peninsula, Ben Nevis and the Giant's Causeway. The passport cover has not changed.



Visa page illustrating new design theme and weather symbols

For more information please see our Basic Passport Checks Document at: www.ips.gov.uk

If you have any further questions or require any further information please contact us at: ExternalEngagement@ips.gov.uk