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**PRESS STATEMENT**  
**EXTENSION OF THE VALIDITY OF PASSPORT BOOKLETS FROM FIVE (5)  
TO TEN (10) YEARS**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration wishes to inform the general public that Government has decided to extend the validity period of ordinary Ghanaian passports from five (5) to ten (10) years.

The Passport Office will begin issuing the ten-year passports as from **Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2019.**

It must be emphasised that the validity of Diplomatic and Service Passports shall not exceed five (5) years.

Similarly, passports for children under twelve (12) years of age would be maintained at the five (5) – year validity period.

The public is hereby assured that holders of Passports currently valid for five years shall not be affected by the new decision **until they are expired.**

It must also be emphasised that the current processing fee for Passport applications will continue to apply to the newly-introduced ten-year passports until further notice.

The decision to extend the validity of ordinary Ghanaian passports from five to ten years complies both with the Passports and Travel Certificates Act (as amended), N.L.C.D 155 of 1967 as well as the recommendations and rules of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).

