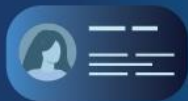




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Passport Context in Papua New Guinea



- PNG population comprises of approximately 10.15 million people.
- Share a land border with Indonesia and Sea borders with Australia, Solomon Islands,
- Linguistically diverse country in the world with over 950 languages and over 1000 tribes/ethnicities
- Approximately 150,000 PNG citizens (1.5%) have a current passport.
- Applications for passports have drastically increased since COVID-19, from an average of 20,000 per year, to 50,000 (2024).
- PNG currently issues a machine-readable Passport produced by OeSD.

Why Transition to e-Passport?

PNG's e- Passport initiative has three (3) key goals:

1. Improve the integrity of PNG's travel document;
2. Improve the way in which PNG establishes and verifies a person's identity; and
3. Improve the facilitation of PNG Citizens travel by implementing passport (and associated issuing processes) which has credibility on the world stage.

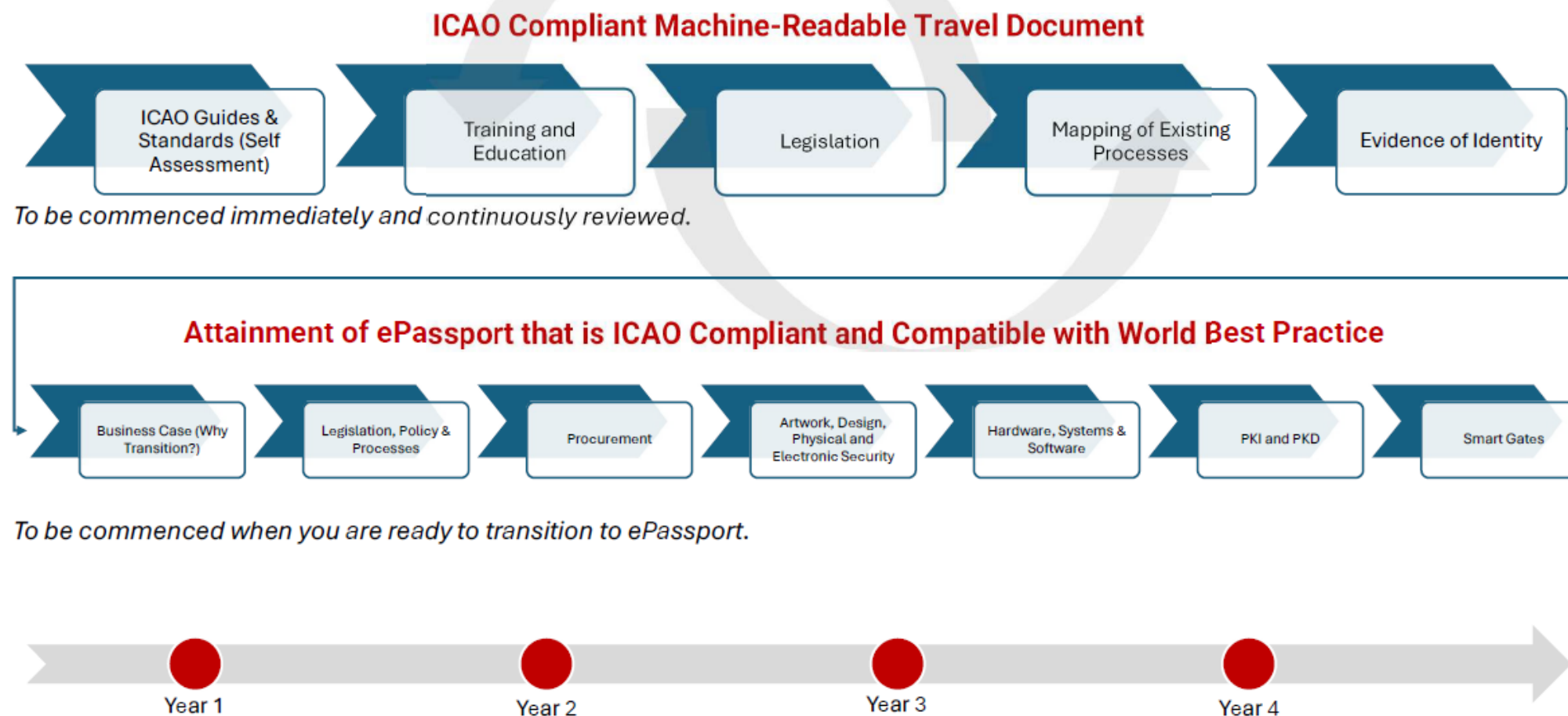
Our Journey So far...



- Legislation
- Guides, Policy & Procedures Consultants
- Suppliers - Completed
- Artwork Design - Completed
- Digital Identity and other technology
- Training, Collaboration and Support- ICAO-ICBWG.
- Share our learnings.

The Way forward for Papua New Guinea

Road Map towards ICAO Compliance and Best Practice



Sharing Our Learnings...

- Sharing our experience with members of the Pacific Immigration Development Community
- Working to ensure no country is left behind through our work with ICAO ICBWG as the chair of the Small Islands States Sub-Group.



Thank You

