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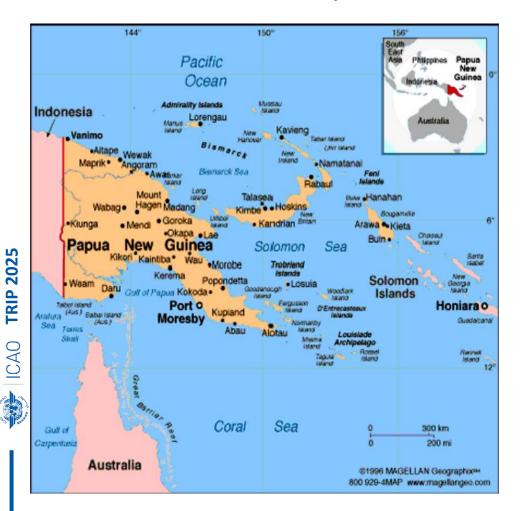








Passport Context in Papua New Guinea



- ➤ 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

ICAO Compliant Machine-Readable Travel Document ICAO Guides & Training and Mapping of Existing Standards (Self Evidence of Identity Legislation Processes Education Assessment) To be commenced immediately and continuously reviewed. Attainment of ePassport that is ICAO Compliant and Compatible with World Best Practice Artwork, Design, Business Case (Why Legislation, Policy & Hardware, Systems & Procurement Physical and PKI and PKD **Smart Gates** Processes Software **Electronic Security**

To be commenced when you are ready to transition to ePassport.



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.





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