

Nota dell'Immigration department del luglio 2019

The upgraded system has also introduced a convenient digital card permit, replacing the booklet. The new permit card will be printed on demand, meaning the permit card will only be printed when the applicant presents themselves to the respective office where their application was processed. Applicants who applied for various immigration permits on or after 3rd December, 2018 and issued with approval letters, can now collect their digital permit cards. For a start, only Immigration Headquarters will be issuing the new cards. This function will be decentralised to the provinces in due course and the public shall be kept informed on these developments.

The booklet permits, other than the Residence Permit, will continue being valid and will only be replaced with the digital permit card at the point of applying for change of condition or extension of a permit. There will be no extra charge other than the fee paid for the change of condition or extension.

However, holders of Residence Permit Booklets will be required to apply for replacement of the booklet type permit with the digital permit, at the standard statutory fee for replacement/duplicate. The deadline for replacements is 30th April, 2020. It should be noted that for holders of Residence Permits who apply for any variation such as change of occupation and change of company will still need to pay for replacement of the permits in addition to the variation applications.

The spouse and children accompanying the principal permit holder will be issued with individual Digital Permit Cards called Dependants Permits as opposed to them being included on the permit of the principal holder, as has been the practice with the booklet permits. The issuance of the Dependants Permits will not commence at the same time as the other Digital Permit Cards, but rather on a later date to be communicated. The card will attract its own fee. In the interim, such dependants will only have their passports endorsed.

The replacement is K 5,000 for the Private sector and K 1,875 for Government, Quasi-Government, NGOs and other Non-Profit Making Organizations. At most it will take about 3 weeks. Follow the process of any other replacement process. Go to permit variation and choose replacement/duplicate under type of service.

Please read the attached User Guide