

27th and 28th of March: the Consular Team visits Melbourne for passport applications

Passport applications in Australia should normally be submitted at the Dutch Consulate General in Sydney by appointment.

However, the Consular Team of the Dutch Consulate-General in Sydney will be visiting Melbourne on Tuesday the 27th and Wednesday the 28th of March to provide the opportunity to submit an application for a passport and/or identity card under certain conditions.

This opportunity is mainly focused on those applicants who experience difficulty travelling due to medical conditions and are unable to travel to Sydney. This can be demonstrated with a medical certificate by your treating medical doctor. If the interest exceeds our capacity, then the Consulate will make a selection.

People who do not fall into the above category can also submit a request. The Consulate determines by capacity how many people from this second category can be assisted, and will make a selection if necessary. For this decision it will be taken into account that Dutch citizens with a dual nationality can apply for a 'Declaration of Dutch citizenship' by post (instead of a passport) in order to retain their Dutch citizenship.

You can request an appointment by sending an e-mail to the consular team at the latest on the 16th of March via syd-ca@minbuza.nl. In this same mail message you must demonstrate why you are unable to travel to Sydney and if applicable, add the medical certificate.

In response to your e-mail, you will receive a message no later than Wednesday the 21st of March, indicating whether we are able to assist you and if so, where and when you are expected. Requests received later than the 16th of March will not be processed.

Extra information: it is also possible to submit an application by appointment in the arrival hall at Schiphol/Amsterdam or at various Dutch (border) municipalities. See our website www.nederlandwereldwijd.nl

Dutch nationals who also have Australian nationality - in accordance with Australian regulations - have to travel back and forth on their Australian passport. Children with dual nationality must be in possession of a Dutch passport (or a Declaration of Dutch ownership) on their 28th birthday to retain their Dutch citizenship.

Finally, regarding the extra effort that this service requires of the Dutch consular staff and to help you as much as possible, we ask you to limit yourself to one email and to await further information from the Consulate.

Thank you for your understanding.
The Consular Team, Consulate General Bondi Junction



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David is the Director of the new OMA brand in Australia, recently launching OMA's first realised structure, MPavilion in Melbourne with partner Rem Koolhaas. Alongside Rem Koolhaas, Gianotten has worked on large-scale architectural projects on a world-wide stage. As partner-in-charge of OMA, David has overseen some of the world's leading architectural projects including the Taipei Performing Arts Centre, the masterplan of Feyenoord City and the upcoming New Museum for Western Australia.

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Travel tip

In case you lose your passport it is always handy to have a hard or soft copy of the passport at hand e.g. on your phone or sending a copy to a friend or family member you can trust.

Dutch and Australian nationality?

If you are not in a position to visit the Netherlands Consulate-General in Sydney to renew your passport, you can apply for a Dutch Nationality Certificate. This might be especially interesting for people who also have Australian nationality and want to maintain their Dutch nationality.

A Dutch Nationality Certificate is not a travel document and can't be used as such. Please be aware that if you hold Australian nationality you have to travel out and back into Australia on your

Australian passport. The Dutch Nationality Certificate is valid for 10 years. You can apply for such a Certificate by sending the following documents to the Netherlands Consulate-General (P.O. Box 261, Bondi Junction NSW 1355):

- Legalised copy of your Dutch passport;
- Proof of legal residence in Australia, e.g. recent letter of the Australian Immigration Department or a legalised copy of your Australian passport;
- A copy of an official document containing your name and address, e.g. electricity bill, bank statement; and
- Payment of 46AUD (subject to exchange rates) by providing us with a credit card authorisation form.

If you are a minor or if this is the first application after becoming an Australian citizen, further documents are needed. Please click on the read more button to check our website for more information.

Please check your passport

Our consular staff in Sydney are experiencing an enormous amount of phone calls and emails from people who realise that their passport is about to expire and they can't travel on it anymore.

Please be aware that if you are travelling through or via most Asian countries your passport needs to be valid for at least 6 months after leaving the country. A lot of Asian countries (as well as New Zealand) do not accept handwritten emergency passports so the only solution is to apply for a new passport using the emergency fast track option. It will then take about 10 working days to issue a passport (not including the time needed by Australia Post to get the passport to you).

Therefore please check your passport and **book an appointment** to avoid disappointment. Please click on the read more button below to visit our website for more information.

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