



### **Time for a passport renewal?**

On a yearly basis the Consulate-General of the Netherlands in Bondi Junction accepts over 5.000 passport and visa applications. The Consulate-General is the only place in Australia where you can renew your passport. Since our staff would like to help everyone coming from all over Australia as efficiently as possible, you will have to make an appointment using [this link](#). The passport application will be sent to the Netherlands for further processing and printing. This process takes about 4 weeks. In case of urgency, this process can be shortened to 2 weeks at an additional cost of approximately 71.40 AUD depending on currency rates.

The new passport for adults has a validity of ten years. The passport for minors (under 18) still has a validity of five years.

### **Only have Dutch citizenship? Please bring your proof of valid stay in Australia**

Nowadays, the Australian Department of Immigration of Border Protection does not provide visa labels in passports anymore. However, for a Dutch passport renewal you have to bring proof of valid stay in Australia, a so called VEVO (Visa Entitlement

Verification Online). You can obtain a (free) VEVO by going to <https://www.border.gov.au/Busi/Visa> or call 131881. You need your current passport number and visa grant number as provided by the Australian immigration.

### **Possible loss of Dutch citizenship?**

Under the current Nationality Act (1 April 2003) an adult who voluntarily acquires the Australian nationality will lose his/her Dutch nationality except in the following cases:

- If you were born in Australia;
- If you, before you turned 18, lived in Australia for an uninterrupted period of five years; or
- If you are married to a person who possesses the Australian nationality.

If you have acquired the Australian nationality after obtaining your last passport consular staff will request additional documentation to prove you belong to one of the above categories. Please check [this link](#) if you belong to one of these categories.

For further information please check the [website](#).