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## **PRESS STATEMENT**

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### **Deadline Extension for Migration to Second Generation e-Passport**

The Government of Kenya has been in the process of phasing out the old-generation passports as part of the binding commitment made to migrate to the new East African Community biometric e-passport.

However, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Directorate of Immigration Services scaled down its operations in an effort to mitigate the spread of the virus.

To make up for the disruption in service, the Cabinet Secretary, Dr. Fred Matiang'i, has extended the deadline for voiding the old passport by a further 10 months until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

Barring any unforeseen circumstances, this is the last extension, and Kenyans are advised to make the necessary arrangements and acquire the electronic passports at the earliest opportunity possible to avoid travelling inconveniences.

For the avoidance of doubt, starting 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022, the old dark blue passport will be null and void, and NO Kenyan will be able to travel internationally without a valid East African Community biometric e-passport.