

## INTRODUCTION OF A VERIFICATION FEE FOR THE INTEGRATION OF NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (NIN) IN ALL ELECTRONIC INTERNATIONAL PASSPORT APPLICATIONS IN NIGERIA

### Introduction

The **National Identity Management Commission (the "NIMC")** on the 13th of March 2023, announced the introduction of a **National Identification Number ("NIN")** verification fee applicable to all Nigerian citizens applying for a fresh issuance or renewal of the Nigerian Electronic International passport. The NIN verification fee is effective from **April 1st, 2023**. Recall in 2021, the NIS made mandatory the integration of NIN in all Nigerian Electronic International Passports.

The introduction of an NIN verification fee follows an agreement reached between the NIMC and the Nigerian Immigration Service (the "**NIS**"), with the aim of streamlining passport application, renewal, and issuance processes as directed by the Federal Ministry of Communications and Digital Economy.

### Need-to-know Information!

1. The approved NIN verification fee (the "**Fee**") is One Thousand Naira (N1000) for Nigerian citizens, Three Dollars (\$3) (or its equivalent in other currencies) for African countries, and Ten Dollars (\$10) (or its equivalent in other currencies) for other countries.
2. The Fee will be charged for each Nigerian passport application requiring this service.
3. The requirement to pay the Fee will take effect from April 1st, 2023. Any passport application submitted from this date will be subject to the Fee.

### Conclusion

The newly introduced NIN verification fee is a welcome development to streamline the delays on passport application, renewal, and issuance processes caused by data integration between the NIS and the NIMC. This development will simplify the confirmation, verification, and integration of individuals' demographic data, fingerprints, head-to-shoulder facial picture, other biometric data, and digital signature through NIN.

It is important for individuals seeking international passports to be aware of this new requirement, which will take effect from April 1st, 2023.

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