



**Malawi – Researched and compiled by the Refugee Documentation Centre of Ireland on 11 April 2018**

**Information on Law governing lost passport and acquisition of emergency travel document**

A document published on the website of the Department of Immigration of the Republic of Malawi states:

“A new passport in replacement of a lost one can only be issued after a thorough investigation has been made, including reference to the issuing authority. If lost or destroyed, the fact and circumstances should immediately be reported to the passport office, or to the nearest Malawi consulate, colonial authority or British High Commissioner and also to the local police. In Malawi reports should be sent on the form below to the Passport Office, P.O. Box 331, Blantyre and the local Police informed. One additional photograph should be supplied for this purpose.” (Republic of Malawi: Department of Immigration (undated) *Report of Lost Passport*)

See also document on this website which in a section headed “Ordinary Passport”, states:

“Lost Passport

- » One filled passport form and a passport size photograph.
- » Police Report and Report of Lost form.” (Republic of Malawi: Department of Immigration (undated) *Types of Passport*)

A document published on the website of the Malawi High Commission in the United Kingdom states:

“Lost Passport replacement for Adults and Children over 10 years

- Police report
  - Two passport size photos with clear white background
  - Copies of the lost passport or previous passports
  - Fee: £70 (cash only)
- (Malawi High Commission Immigration and Consular Services (undated) *Passport Requirements*)

A document published on the website of the Embassy of Malawi in Brussels headed “ETD (Emergency Travel Document)” states:

“Requirements:

- 2 Passport size photos
- A copy of the first page of a Malawi passport
- A copy of the most direct plane ticket/itinerary

- A letter stating the reason for the request of an ETD
- A police report if the travel document is stolen or lost
- 30€ fee payable to:

MALAWI EMBASSY  
BNP PARIBAS FORTIS BANK

210-0397941-02 (VISA ACCOUNT)  
SWIFT CODE: GEBABEBB 36 A  
BRANCH CODE: 43032

IBAN: BE32- 210-03979 41-02

- A copy of the proof of payment for the EDT
  - A self addressed A4 envelope and €10 return postage fee
- You may also facilitate the transportation of your documents by using courier services –DHL,UPS,FEDEX etc.” (Embassy of Malawi in Brussels (undated) *Application For Emergency Travel Document To Enter Malawi*)

This response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Research and Information Unit within time constraints. This response is not and does not purport to be conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim to refugee status or asylum. Please read in full all documents referred to.

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