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Dear Paul Brian

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 9 March in which you ask for information regarding titles on passport application forms.

Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I have a Passport Application form in front of me and it requires information under heading.

Who is the passport for?

Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms, or Title.

Is it the Governments belief that Mr is not a title? or is this box optional?

A customer can choose their own title when making a passport application, and we accept the title chosen regardless if this meets the gender on the passport. The customer can choose any title they wish when completing the application form. I confirm this box is optional.

The chosen title is only used when we correspond with the customer regarding their passport application.

The title of Mr, Mrs, Miss or Ms does not appear in a passport.

A person's title is only included in a passport if they hold a:

- title of nobility
- religious title
- title of judiciary
- professional title

To assist you further in your request, I have attached a link below which provides more information.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/959788/Titles_V7.pdf

Yours sincerely

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