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Dear Paul-brian

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 6 April in which you ask for information regarding the letter P in a UK passport.

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

I note that on the passport there is a 'P', under freedom of information does the 'P' stand for Pauper?

Her Majesty's Passport Office can confirm P is the letter that identifies the product as a passport when presented at the Border. The International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) has assigned different letters to different documents for recognition purposes therefore all passports internationally will be identified by the letter 'P'

Yours sincerely

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