



# HM Passport Office

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Dear Mr Barnard

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 1 January, in which you ask for information on the colour of the UK passport.

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

**I'd like to have official data on the passport colour preceding the 'burgundy' passports. My expired passports appear to be black, not blue.**

**So please give me:**

- 1. The Pantone colour name and the RGB value of the older 'black' one.**
- 2. The Pantone colour name and the RGB value of the current proposal 'post Brexit'.**

The design and manufacture of UK passports is outsourced to a third-party supplier to meet the requirements set by Her Majesty's Passport Office (HM Passport Office). These requirements do not stipulate a Pantone colour reference, or any other colour model value, and therefore the information requested is not held in relation to any previous, current, or future passport cover.

**If you hold it:**

- 3. The Pantone colour name and the RGB value of the US passport**

HM Passport Office does not hold information relating to colour names or values for the covers of any other issuing authority's passports.

Yours sincerely

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