



# HM Passport Office

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Dear Ms Cosgrove

Thank you for your email of 23 December in which you ask for information on costs regarding UK passports.

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

**Dear HM Passport Office,**

**Could you provide an estimate, based on current at-cost sums, of:**

**a. issuing a free UK passport to every entitled citizen, as at the date of this request**

Her Majesty's Passport Office does not hold specific data regarding the cost of issuing free passports to every entitled citizen because the passport fees cover the actual costs of providing the service. However, if you refer to pages 106 and 107 in the link provided on our response of 16 January 2020, the information stored shows Home Office accounts for the income and costs for HM Passport Office services.

**b. issuing a free UK passport at the current rates of renewal/first time passports for a single year**

It is estimated that the cost of issuing a free UK passport for a single year would be over £568m.

**c. as a) and b) but also adding a swipe-style card with photo in each case.**

HM Passport Office have not undertaken any analysis into what the cost of providing a swipe style card with a photo attached would be for customers, and I can confirm we currently do not have plans to do so.

Yours sincerely

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