

## The Syrian Arab Republic

### Law No. 18

Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution and based on the decision of the People's Assembly in its session held on 1/7/1438 AH, corresponding to 29/3/2017 AD, the President of the Republic issues the following:

#### Article 1:

Article No. 1 of the Legislative Decree No. 17 of 2015, which amended Law No. 1 of 2014, shall itself be amended as follows:

- A- The consular fee for **immediate granting** or renewing of a passport or a travel document, for Syrian citizens (or those having the same legal status) who reside outside the Syrian Arab Republic shall be US \$800.
- B- The consular fee for **regular process to grant** or renew of a passport or a travel document, within the first-come first-served system, for Syrian citizens (or those having the same legal status) who reside outside the Syrian Arab Republic shall be US \$300.
- C- The processing time for immediate granting or renewing of a passport or a travel document at overseas representation offices shall be 3 working days maximum, as of the date of application and payment of fees. The processing time within the first-come first-served system shall be 10 to 21 working days maximum, as of the date of application and payment of fees. The required official documents shall be specified by a decision issued by the Minister of Interior, and shall be duly checked.
- D- The processing time for immediate granting or renewing of a passport or a travel document for a person who resides outside the Syrian Arab Republic, **through a relative or a legal representative inside the Syrian Arab Republic** at one of the branches of the Immigration and Passports Department, shall **be 24 hours maximum; it shall be 7 to 15 days maximum within the first-come first-served system.**

**Article 2:**

The fees specified above shall be collected from Syrian citizens (or those having the same legal status) who reside outside the Syrian Arab Republic, or from their relatives or legal representatives inside the Syrian Arab Republic, in US dollars or the equivalent thereof in Euros or in an adopted local currency of the country in which a Syrian Arab Republic embassy or consulate is operational, as per the selling exchange rate listed in the first quarterly bulletin issued by the Central Bank of Syria. At payment, fractions are to be rounded up to the higher denomination.

**Article 3:**

The fees specified above shall not be subject to any additional fees mentioned in the laws and regulations in force, including local administration fees; they shall be subject, however, to the addition of the consular registration fee at the overseas representation office, if [the person] is not already registered there.

**Article 4:**

The Minister of Interior shall issue the rules to be applied by the overseas representation offices, with a view to controlling the process of receipt and delivery through administrative and computerized procedures.

**Article 5:**

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates shall issue, in coordination with the Ministry of Finance, the instructions governing the implementation of the mechanism for the receipt of the fees specified above, and for organizing and linking the computerized entry process together with the receipt and delivery process referred to in the previous article.

**Article 6:**

This Law shall be published in the Official Gazette.

In Damascus, on 12/7/1438 AH, corresponding to 9/4/2017 AD.

The President of the Republic  
Bashar Al-Assad