



Australian Government
Refugee Review Tribunal

Country Advice Indonesia

Indonesia – IDN36200 – Children – Exit
procedures – Parental consent

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1 Please advise any information available on whether it would be possible for a woman to depart Indonesia with her children without the permission of the husband/father (where both parents are Indonesian nationals)?

On 3 February 2010 the Country Advice Service contacted the Indonesian Embassy in Canberra and spoke with a consular officer who agreed to receive queries from the Tribunal. On 4 February 2010, the Country Advice Service received the following advice from Canberra Indonesian Embassy's First Secretary:

1. In order for a child (under 18) to depart Indonesia in the company of only one parent is it required that the parent have the written consent of the other parent to the child?

There is no such requirement for a child traveling with one of his/her parents for the other parent to make a written consent regarding the matter. But, if a child traveling with anyone else except his/her parents, there is a requirement for the parents to make a written consent as well as a copy of the birth certificate of the child and the copy of passport of both parents. This is in order to prevent a crime of child trafficking.

2. In order to obtain an Indonesian passport for a child (an Indonesian national under 18) is it required that the application have the endorsement of both parents? (where both parents are Indonesian nationals).

To obtain an Indonesian passport for a child under 18, it only requires the endorsement of one of the parents, but they have to present a copy of birth certificate of the child and married certificate of the parents.¹

In order to obtain an Australia Tourist Visa (subclass 676) a sole parent travelling with a child would be required to obtain the consent of the other parent. Such permission can be obtained either by completion of "1229 or on a Statutory Declaration or equivalent under the relevant law of the child's home country". The regulations are as follows:

Children under 18 years of age

Consent to travel:

Applications for children under 18 years of age must provide consent from the non-accompanying parent/s or legal guardian/s if the child is travelling:

- alone
- with only one parent or legal guardian.

Consent can be provided on [Form 1229](#) or on a Statutory Declaration or equivalent under the relevant law of the child's home country.²

¹ Dewi, A. 2010, Email from Indonesian Embassy, Canberra, to MRT-RRT: 'MRT-RRT Request: exit / passport procedures for children', 4 February – Attachment 1; for the enquiry which elicited this advice, see: MRT-RRT Country Advice Service 2010, Email to Indonesian Embassy, Canberra: 'MRT-RRT Request: exit / passport procedures for children', 3 February – Attachment 2.

List of Attachments

1. Dewi, A. 2010, Email from Indonesian Embassy, Canberra, to MRT-RRT: 'MRT-RRT Request: exit / passport procedures for children', 4 February.
2. MRT-RRT Country Advice Service 2010, Email to Indonesian Embassy, Canberra: 'MRT-RRT Request: exit / passport procedures for children', 3 February.
3. 'Tourist Visa (Subclass 676)' (undated), Department of Immigration and Citizenship website <http://www.immi.gov.au/visitors/tourist/676/eligibility.htm> – Accessed 9 February 2010.

² 'Tourist Visa (Subclass 676)' (undated), Department of Immigration and Citizenship website <http://www.immi.gov.au/visitors/tourist/676/eligibility.htm> – Accessed 9 February 2010 – Attachment 3.