



Australian Government
Department of Immigration and Citizenship

12. Greek Passports – Changes to Passport and ETA Validity

Introduction

The Greek authorities have advised that, effective 1 January 2007, Greek passports **issued prior to 1 January 2006** will no longer be valid for travel, irrespective of the validity date shown in the passport.

To avoid inconvenience during international travel, the Greek authorities have been advising Greek nationals holding passports issued prior to 1 January 2006 to obtain new Greek passports prior to attempting travel.

Greek nationals travelling on these passports from 1 January 2007 may face difficulties travelling to Australia and other countries.

Issuing and Validity of ETAs

Until 31 December 2006, ETAs will continue to be granted to persons using Greek passports issued prior to 1 January 2006 but will be valid for travel only up to 31 December 2006.

From 1 January 2007 only Greek passports issued after 1 January 2006 will be acceptable for the issue of ETAs.

Effect at Check-in

The Advance Passenger Processing (APP) system has been amended. From 1 January 2007, check-in agents will receive a 'Contact EOC' message for passengers using Greek passports issued prior to 1 January 2006.

Greek Nationals Already in Australia

These changes will not impact on the stay period of any visas for Greek nationals already in Australia on 1 January 2007.

Contact Details:

Any enquires in relation to the passport changes should be directed to the nearest Greek Embassy or Consulate.

Contact details for the Greek Embassy in Australia are:

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Further information is available on the department web site: <http://www.immi.gov.au>

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