



A trustworthy and trusted document

Passports have an important role to play: certifying the bearer's identity and citizenship and entitling them to travel across international borders, as well as granting them access to services and facilities at home and abroad.

To fulfil this role in today's world, a passport has to meet very high standards. To be compliant with current international legislation, the data page must be machine-readable and digitally-imaged. To be a credible, useful and trusted document, it must also be secure against counterfeit and fraud, aesthetically-pleasing and sufficiently durable to survive a 10-year validity.

Governments looking to produce such passports need look no further than MLIS™, the proven data page protection solution for passports and ePassports from De La Rue Identity Systems.

Fast, flexible solution for Irish Passport Office

The Irish Passport Office chose De La Rue's MLIS™ solution to secure the data page of its emergency passport booklet.

The Irish emergency passport is usually issued to citizens who have urgent travel requirements and who do not have the time to apply for a standard passport through the usual application process. Emergency passports are issued from the three Passport Offices in Ireland and more than 60 Irish Diplomatic and Consular Missions overseas.



Bespoke design

Drawing on almost a century of experience of designing passports for governments around the world, De La Rue designs each government's MLIS™ film to meet its individual requirements. Our specialist designers will ensure that the bespoke design not only employs a strong combination of security features, but that it also reflects the country's national identity and culture. The finished product will be an ICAO-compliant passport that the country's citizens will be proud to carry as proof of their identity and citizenship.

Proven document durability

As one of the world's leading suppliers to passport issuing authorities, De La Rue plays a significant advisory role to ICAO and is an active member of the ISO working groups, including ISO WG3 whose remit includes document durability standards. It therefore goes without saying that passports personalised using the MLIS™ process exceed these international standards.

Furthermore, MLIS™ passports have been extensively tested to industry standards by De La Rue and by PIRA International, an independent test house. De La Rue's MLIS™ passports performed exceptionally well with excellent results on lightfastness, accelerated ageing, bending, abrasion, flexing, chemical resistance, and extremes of temperature and humidity. None of the tests caused any visible effect or any damage to the machine-readable data.

For these reasons, governments can be confident that MLIS™ is a long-lasting solution, suitable for a passport with a 10-year life.

Why choose MLIS™?

- ICAO 9303 compliant
- Personal data integrated with security features and 'fused' to the passport page
- Thin film technology offers durability and protection against fraudulent alteration
- Extensive range and combinations of security features which provide unbeatable multi-layer security against counterfeit and fraud
- Conclusive testing and demonstrable track record in use around the world prove the durability and suitability of MLIS™ for a 10-year life
- Flexible design and configuration to meet specific government needs
- Already used and trusted by more than 25 governments and issuing authorities around the world

The data page is the most important page in a very important document; it deserves the highest standard of protection. MLIS™ offers nothing less. Moreover, MLIS™ is under continual review and development by De La Rue's specialists to ensure it offers an on-going upgrade path to our client governments, continuing to keep them ahead of counterfeit and fraud.

De La Rue Identity Systems is a trusted partner of governments around the world, working closely with them to design, implement and manage secure government identification systems. To date, we have successfully implemented over 50 national schemes across every continent.

Our expertise and understanding extends across the complete ID Lifecycle™: the end-to-end process of how individuals apply for, obtain and verify their personal identification. We invest heavily in Research and Development programmes and work alongside organisations like Interpol, the United Nations and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). As a result, Identity Systems is at the centre of some of the most exciting and innovative developments in the modern world.

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