

Media Update

FORMER PNG CITIZENS TO SURRENDER PNG PASSPORT

Papua New Guinea Immigration and Citizenship Service Authority has informed the General Public that the former Papua New Guinea citizens who are now citizens of a foreign country and over the age of 18 and are still holding on to a PNG Passport must immediately surrender their PNG passports.

The Authority pointed out that dual citizenship is not automatic and those who have obtained a foreign citizenship and in possession of foreign passport automatically lost their PNG citizenship. Those who wish to resume PNG citizenship and dual citizenship can apply for a new passport.

The Authority has imposed 3 months of moratorium and those concerned must surrender the PNG Passport to the Authority before 31st October 2017. Penalties will be imposed on those former citizens who continue to hold and use PNG passports to travel beyond the moratorium period.

For any further information or query, refer to the ICSA website: <u>www.immigration.gov.pg</u> or email: <u>clientservice@immigration.gov.pg</u> or <u>citizenship@immigration.gov.pg</u> or contact client service Branch on telephone:

+ 675 3276100 for assistance.

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