

Biometric Documentation 2022

Explanatory leaflet

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In accordance with the decision of the Minister of the Interior, as of July 2022, identification documents valid for up to ten years will be issued to all residents regardless of consent to keep fingerprints in the biometric database (subject to the usual procedures for issuing identity cards and travel documents). In view of this, a standard application for an issue is a request without consent to keep fingerprints in the biometric database, but it is clarified that two of the applicant's fingerprints will be scanned, for inclusion in the electronic chip of the identity card or travel document and for examination in the biometric database.

7 What is a biometric database?

A computerized and secure database that includes unique data for each person. The database was established by the state according to the law and contains interior photos of the residents of the state. The database also retains the fingerprints of residents who have agreed to it. The database is managed by a separate authority - the Authority for the Management of the Biometric Database and is not in the hands of the Population and Immigration Authority.

7 Biometric identification means

The role of the database is to perform tests and comparisons of facial images and fingerprint images to prevent forgery and impersonation.

The purpose of the database is to protect against identity theft and to ensure that each person has one identity

7 Preservation of biometric means of identification

In the process of submitting an application for the issuance of an identity card, passport or travel document, both fingerprints are scanned, and a face photo of the applicant is photographed.

7 The biometric means of identification are preserved:

A. The electronic chip of the documentation will in any case retain both the face image and the two fingerprint images. B. The biometric database will preserve the facial images of all residents (this is mandatory in accordance with the law) c. The biometric database will store fingerprint images of residents who agree to it. Preserving the facial image and fingerprint images enables the verification of the details stored in the chip and the biometric database against the fingerprints or facial image of the person, in accordance with the provisions set forth in the law and for the purpose of preventing identity theft.

7 Consent to keep photos of the two fingerprints in the database and validity of the identity card and passport

An ordinary application for an issue will be without consent to the preservation of fingerprints in the biometric database, A resident who wishes to have his fingerprints preserved in the biometric database shall indicate this to a bureau employee upon application for the issuance of the documentation. A resident who does not agree to keep the fingerprints in the database - they will be sent for comparison in the database and after the end of the test will be deleted and not kept in it, according to section 10A of the law, in any case, the identity card and passport will be valid for up to 10 years subject to any law.

7 How to consent to the preservation of fingerprint images

Adult: Consent to save images of the two fingerprints in the biometric database will be given by signing **Minor:** Keeping pictures of the two fingerprints of minors (over the age of 16 only) requires a parent's signature, in addition to the minor's signature on the consent form. **A person appointed as a guardian:** Saving the fingerprint images of a person appointed as a guardian requires the signature of the guardian. As long as the person understands, he will also sign a written consent.

7 Validity of a travel document for a minor

Travel document for a minor (passport or travel document) valid for up to 5 years.

7 Validity of a travel document (for an adult or a minor)

Travel document valid for up to 5 years.

7 Validity of old documentation

Identification documents of the old type will continue to be valid until the date specified in them and they will not be required to be replaced with new ones. Old ID cards that do not have an expiration date will be valid until August 2024.

7 The option to withdraw from consent and request deletion of fingerprint images stored in the biometric database

A request to delete the fingerprints of a minor or a person appointed as a guardian does not require a double signature - it is sufficient for the signature of the minor or the person appointed as a guardian, or the signature of the representative.

At the time of the request to delete the fingerprint photos from the biometric database, the identity card, passport or travel document must be returned, and they will be revoked and issued in their place with new ones valid for up to 10 years. For the purpose of a new issue, the application submission process will be completely redone.

7 Temporary instruction

The mechanism for preserving fingerprint images in the consent biometric database is temporary and was established in 2017 as a temporary order for a period of 5 years, the temporary order was extended until the end of June 2023. At the end of the temporary order period, all fingerprints stored in the biometric database will be deleted during the years since the law was implemented, without the need to visit the Population Authority offices and without paying a fee. (The temporary order may be extended for an additional period of time in accordance with future government and Knesset decisions, but the trend is to make a transition to a state of biometric database based on facial images and without fingerprint retention).

7 Implications of preserving fingerprints in the database and their uses - transmitting information to the police and security authorities

By law, the police and security authorities (the General Security Service and the Institute of Intelligence and Special Functions (Will be able to obtain information from the database) result of identification or facial images and fingerprints stored in it (under certain conditions set by law. No use may be made of the facial images and fingerprints stored in the database not in accordance with the law.