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**exit and entry into the Republic of Moldova**

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[Law 113 din 09.06.11, Official Gazette 110-112/08.07.11 art.303](#)

[Law 266 -XVI din 07.12.07, Official Gazette 203-206/28.12.07 art.790](#)

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 [Law 309-XVI of 01.12.05, Official Gazette 176-181/30.12.05 art.871](#)

 [Law 384-XV of 25.11.04, Official Gazette 233-236/17.12.04 art.1001](#)

 [Law 252-XV of 09.07.04, Official Gazette 131/31.07.04 art.692; into force as of 01.09.04](#)

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 [Law 240 of 13.06.03, Official Gazette 138/08.07.03 art.557](#)

 [Law 1524 of 12.12.02, Official Gazette 3/21.01.03 art.10](#)

 [Law 712 of 06.12.01, Official Gazette 1/04.01.02 art.6](#)

 [Law 417-XV of 26.07.01, Official Gazette 108/06.09.01 art.824](#)

 [Law 20 of 29.03.01, Official Gazette 47/26.04.01](#)

 [Law 806-XIV of 11.02.00, Official Gazette 27/09.03.00](#)

 [Law 263-XIV of 24.12.98, Official Gazette 62/17.06.99](#)

The parliament adopts this organic law.

This law guarantees the right to exit and entry into the Republic of Moldova to citizens of the Republic of Moldova, aliens and stateless persons, sets temporary restrictions with regard to this right, regulates the procedure of issuance of documents and settles disputes regarding the issuance of these documents.

**Chapter I**

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Article 1.** The right to exit and entry into the Republic of Moldova

(1) Citizens of the Republic of Moldova have a right to exit and enter the Republic of Moldova on the basis of a passport, whilst stateless persons, refugees and beneficiaries of humanitarian protection – on the basis of a travel document, issued by competent bodies.

*[Art.1 para.(1) modified by Law 113 of 09.06.11, Official Gazette 110-112/08.07.11 art.303]*

*[Art.1 para.(1) modified by LP266 - XVI of 07.12.07, Official Gazette 203-206/28.12.07 art.790]*

*[Art.1 para.(1) modified by LP309 of 01.12.05, Official Gazette 176/30.12.05 art.871]*

*[Art.1 para.(1) modified by LP447 of 13.11.03, Official Gazette 244/12.12.03 art.974; into force as of 13.02.04]*

(1<sup>1</sup>) Citizens of the Republic of Moldova, regardless of domicile or residence, stateless persons and foreign citizens with permanent or temporary residence in the Republic of Moldova who are abroad and do not possess a valid travel document to return in Republic of Moldova have the right to enter the Republic of Moldova on the basis of a travel title issued by diplomatic missions or consular offices of the Republic of Moldova. The request and issuing of the travel title, as well as the content and its validity are determined in a Regulation approved by the Government.

*[Art.1 para.(1<sup>1</sup>) inserted by Law 40 of 15.03.12, Official Gazette 92/15.05.12 art.294]*

(2) Minors have a right to exit and enter into the Republic of Moldova only accompanied by one of their legal representatives or a caregiver designated by legal representatives through a power of attorney notary legalized. In the power of attorney shall be indicated the purpose of the travel, duration and destination country.

(3) Minors (pupils and students) who have reached the age of 14 years and are enrolled in studies in educational institutions in other states, upon exit and entry into the Republic of Moldova, shall present the confirming documents of enrollment in the educational institution and the power of attorney notary legalized issued by one of the parents, with the consent to exit and entry by the minor the Republic of Moldova, indicating the destination country, the purpose of travel, its duration, stay period in the destination country, in case of other guardians – their consent, expressed in a decision of guardianship authority. The power of attorney is valid for a year.

*[Art.1 para.(3) inserted by Law 357 of 23.12.05, Official Gazette 1/06.01.06 art.32, para.(3)-(5) become (4)-(6)]*

(4) If the minor leaves to reside abroad, it is necessary the consent of both parents, expressed in a power of attorney notary legalized, in case of other legal representatives – their consent, expressed in a decision of guardianship authority.

*[Art.1 para.(2)-(3) inserted by Law 252-XV of 09.07.04, Official Gazette 131/31.07.04 art.692; para.(2)-(3) become (4)-(5), into force as of 01.09.04]*

*[Art.1 para.(4) redaction of Law 309 of 01.12.05, Official Gazette 176/30.12.05 art.871]*

*[Art.1 para.(5) repealed by Law 151 of 15.07.11, Official Gazette 131-133/12.08.11 art.403]*

(6) The mode of entry into another state is regulated by this legislation.

## **Chapter II**

### **REQUIREMENTS OF EXIT AND ENTRY INTO THE REPUBLIC OF**

**MOLDOVA****Article 2.** Grounds for issuing the passport and travel document

*[Art.2 title modified by Law 447/13.11.03, Official Gazette 244-247/12.12.03 art.974; into force as of 13.02.04]*

(1) Grounds for issuing a passport to citizens of the Republic of Moldova, a travel document to stateless persons residing in Republic of Moldova is their or their representatives request submitted in compliance with the established procedure.

*[Art. para.(1) modified by Law 151 of 15.07.11, Official Gazette 131-133/12.08.11 art.403]*

*[Art.2 para.(1) modified by Law 113 of 09.06.11, Official Gazette 110-112/08.07.11 art.303]*

*[Art.2 para.(1) modified by Law 309 of 01.12.05, Official Gazette 176/30.12.05 art.871]*

(2) Grounds for issuing a travel document to refugees and beneficiaries of humanitarian protection are their or their legal representatives' request submitted in compliance with the established procedure, enclosing a copy of decision issued by Refugee Direction of Bureau for Migration and Asylum of Ministry of Internal Affairs, empowered by granting refugee and humanitarian protection status.

*[Art.2 para.(2) modified by Law 266 -XVI of 07.12.07, Official Gazette 203-206/28.12.07 art.790]*

*[Art.2 para.(2) modified by Law 137-XVI of 21.06.07, Official Gazette 112-116/03.08.07 art.504]*

*[Art.2 para.(2) inserted by Law 447 of 13.11.03, Official Gazette 244-247/12.12.03 art.974; into force as of 13.02.04]*

**Article 3.** Submission of the request

(1) The written request, in accordance with the established pattern, regarding issuance of a passport or a travel document is submitted in person to the domiciliary competent bodies.

**(1) The request on issuing a passport or travel document is submitted to the competent bodies in compliance with the procedure established by Government.**

*[Art.3 para.(1) as per Law 187 din 11.07.12, Official Gazette 186-189/07.09.12 art.625; into force as of 07.03.13]*

*[Art.3 para.(1) modified by Law 447 din 13.11.03, Official Gazette 244-247/12.12.03 art.974; into force as of 13.02.04]*

(2) Children under the age of 18 and persons recognized incapable by court are issued passports on the basis of a request of one of their legal representatives.

*[Art.3 para.(2) modified by Law 252-XV of 09.07.04, Official Gazette 131/31.07.04 art.692; into force as of 01.09.04]*

(3) Children at the age of 10-18 who leave to reside abroad express their consent in a power of attorney notary legalized.

*[Art.3 para.(3) modified by Law 252-XV of 09.07.04, Official Gazette 131/31.07.04 art.692; into force as of 01.09.04]*

*[Art.3 para.(3) modified by Law 806-XIV of 11.02.2000]*

(4) Provisions of paragraphs (2) and (3) do not apply to the persons who have

concluded legal marriage until the age of 18.

*[Art.3 para.(4) inserted by Law 806-XIV of 11.02.2000]*

(5) In case if either parent of children until the age of 18 does not accept his/her exit from the Republic of Moldova, the refusal is contested in court.

*[Art.3 modified by Law 240 of 13.06.03, Official Gazette 138/08.07.03 art.557]*

**Article 4.** Examination of the request

(1) An application of exit and entry into the Republic of Moldova is examined within the term of up to one month, but in case if the journey is related to an urgent treatment of the applicant, a seriously ill close relative abroad or the relative's death - within the term of 3 days.

(2) The application of exit from the Republic of Moldova for domicile in another state is examined within the term of 3 months.

(3) The results of the examination of the application are brought to the applicant's notice in writing. In case of rejection of the application a repeated application is examined after the removal of the causes that generated the refusal.

*[Chapter III repealed by Law 151 of 15.07.11, Official Gazette 131-133/12.08.11 art.403]*

#### **Chapter IV**

#### **REFUSAL TO ISSUE PASSPORTS AND TRAVEL DOCUMENTS**

*[Chapter IV titled modified by Law 151 of 15.07.11, Official Gazette 131-133/12.08.11 art.403]*

*[Chapter IV titled modified by Law 447 of 13.11.03, Official Gazette 244-247/12.12.03; into force as of 13.02.04]*

**Article 8.** Refusal to issue passport and travel documents

Issuance of passport and travel document or extension of its validity term is refused if the applicant:

- a) presents danger to the national security;
- b) committed a crime against humanity;
- c) serves a sentence on the ground of a sentence of a court of law or is called to criminal liability;
- d) has violated the rules of import-export and of transit of substances and objects on which restrictions are imposed;
- e) serves in foreign military or mercenary units;
- f) has deliberately conveyed false information about himself/herself;
- g) has patrimonial obligations to the state, natural and juridical persons in accordance with a decision of a court of law.

*[Art.8 modified by Law 447 of 13.11.03, Official Gazette 244-247/12.12.03 art.974; into force as of 13.02.04]*

*[Art.8 modified by Law 20 of 29.03.2001]*

*[Art.8 let. f) redaction of Law 806-XIV of 11.02.2000]*

*[Art.8 modified by Law 263-XIV of 24.12.98]*

*[Art.9 repealed by Law P151 of 15.07.11, Official; Gazette 131-133/12.08.11 art.403]*

**Article 10.** Contesting of illegal actions of the officials

A groundless refusal to receive applications of issuance of passports, or travel documents

may be contested in the court in compliance with the established procedure.

*[Art.10 modified by Law 151 of 15.07.11, Official Monitor 131-133/12.08.11 art.403]*

*[Art.10 modified by Law 447 din 13.11.03, Official Monitor 44-247/12.12.03 art.974;  
into force as of 13.02.04*

*[Art.10 modified by Law 240 of 13.06.03, Official Monitor 138/08.07.03 art.557]*

#### **Chapter V**

### **LEGAL STATUS OF THE PERSONS WHO EXIT AND ENTER THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA**

**Article 11.** Rights and obligations of the persons who exit and enter the Republic of Moldova

(1) Persons who exit and enter the Republic of Moldova for residence or temporary stay have the rights and obligations established by the legislation in force.

(2) Any arbitrary limitation of civil rights, rights to labour and housing is prohibited.

*[Art.11 para.(3) repealed by Law 151 of 15.07.11, Official Gazette 131-133/12.08.11 art.403]*

(4) Citizens of the Republic of Moldova, stateless persons, refugees and beneficiaries of humanitarian protection residing in the Republic of Moldova who wish to reside in other countries receive the passport or travel document after they have fulfilled all the patrimonial duties to other natural and juridical persons in accordance with the legislation in force.

*[Art.11 para.(4) modified by Law 266 -XVI of 07.12.07, Official Gazette 203-206/28.12.07 art.790]*

*[Art.11 al.(4) modified by Law 447 of 13.11.03, Official Gazette 244-247/12.12.03;  
into force as of 13.02.04]*

(5) The persons responsible for life, health and insurance of the rights and interests of the persons under the age of 18 who have exited the country are their legal representatives. In the absence of legal representatives within an organized group the leaders of the group are responsible.

*[Art.11 para.(5) inserted by Law 806-XIV of 11.02.00]*

#### **Chapter VI**

### **FINAL PROVISIONS**

**Article 12.** International treaties

In case if the international treaty to which the Republic of Moldova is a party sets other norms than those provided for in this law, the norms of the international treaty are applied.

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