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Albania: Types of identification documents commonly used in Albania, including detailed information on their appearance and contents (2005 - 2006)

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Information on the types of identification documents commonly used in Albania was scarce among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate.

General information

According to a report by the Albanian Telegraphic Agency (ATA), the Head of Albania's Central Elections Commission (CEC) announced on 1 July 2005 that in order to vote in the 3 July 2005 national elections, voters would have to present both a birth certificate with photo and another identity document (ATA 1 July 2005). The other valid identity documents named by the Head of the CEC included driver's licences, passports, university and high school diplomas, military record books and private business licences (ibid.).

In February 2006, *Transitions Online (TOL)* noted that there is a "lack of standardized security features in Albanian identity documents" (27 Feb. 2006). However, further or corroborating information on the general characteristics of Albanian identification documents could not be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate.

Passports

According to Keesing Reference Systems, the cover of Albania's most recent national passport is red and is described as follows:

Validity

5 years, page 2 entry 'Date of expiry'A 5-year extension possible

Booklet

c. 125 x 88 mm / 4.9 x 3.5 in.48 pages, page 1 and 2 not numbered

Laminate

page 2, clear kinegraphic laminate, not sewn in