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The Board		15 July 2008
About the Board	RWA102859.FE	
Biographies		
Organization Chart	Rwanda: Procedure for obtaining a passport in Rwanda in 2007; whether there have been recent changes regarding the issuance of passports	
Employment	Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, Ottawa	
Legal and Policy		
References	According to correspondence from the Rwanda Directorate General of Immigration and Emigration dated 3 July 2008 and forwarded by the Embassy of Rwanda in Ottawa to the Research Directorate on 11 July 2008, the following documents were required to obtain a Rwandan passport in 2007:	
Publications		
Tribunal		
Refugee Protection Division	[translation]	
Immigration Division	- A letter of request addressed to the Director General of Immigration and Emigration;	
Immigration Appeal Division	- A recommendation from the local administrative authorities (the neighbourhood or the sector);	
Decisions	- A photocopy of the person's identity card;	
Forms	- One colour passport photograph taken against a white background;	
Statistics	- A duly completed application form. (Rwanda 3 July 2008)	
Research		
Research Program		
National Documentation Packages	In 2007, passport applications were processed in up to 10 days, with the exception of urgent cases (ibid.). In 2008, application processing times changed to five working days (ibid.). Information on whether there have been any further changes regarding the issuance of passports since 2007 could not be found among sources consulted by the Research Directorate.	
Issue Papers and Country Fact Sheets		
Responses to Information Requests		
Recent Research	This Response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Research Directorate within time constraints. This Response is not, and does not purport to be, conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim for refugee protection. Please find below the list of sources consulted in researching this Information Request.	
Media Centre		
News		
Information Sheets		
Media Relations	<u>Reference</u>	
Proactive Disclosure	Rwanda. 3 July 2008. Directorate General of Immigration and Emigration. Correspondence from the division head, Inspection des Nationaux forwarded to the Research Directorate by the Embassy of the Republic of Rwanda in Ottawa on 11	

July 2008.

Additional Sources Consulted

Oral sources: The Embassy of the Republic of Rwanda in Washington and the Canadian High Commission in Kenya did not respond to requests for information within time constraints.

Internet sites, including: AllAfrica.com; Embassy of Rwanda in Germany; Embassy of Rwanda in the United Kingdom; Embassy of Rwanda in Washington; Factiva; Freedom House; government of Rwanda; *The New Times* [Kigali]; Syfia Grands Lacs; United States Department of State.

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