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Organization Chart	Rwanda: Procedure for obtaining a passport for a child	
Employment	Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, Ottawa	
Legal and Policy	According to correspondence from the Rwanda Directorate General of	
References	Immigration and Emigration dated 3 July 2008 and forwarded by the Embassy of	
Publications	Rwanda in Ottawa to the Research Directorate on 11 July 2008, the following	
	documents are required to obtain a Rwandan passport for a child under 16 years of	
	age:	
Tribunal		
Refugee Protection	[translation]	
Division		
Immigration Division	- A letter of request signed by both parents and addressed to the Director General	
Immigration Appeal	of Immigration and Emigration;	
Division		
Decisions	- A birth certificate issued by the Vital Statistics Office of the Sector (Bureau de	
Forms	l'Etat Civil du Secteur);	
Statistics	- A photocopy of both parents' identity cards;	
Research		
Research Program	- One colour passport photo taken against a white background. (Rwanda 3 July	
	2008)	
National	In some circumstances, another document may also be required:	
Documentation		
Packages	[translation]	
Issue Papers and		
Country Fact Sheets	- If a parent is deceased, the other parent must provide a certificate of death at	
Responses to	the time of application;	
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Recent Research	- If a child is born to a single mother and the child's father has not been named,	
	the mother must provide a certificate of single status (<i>attestation de célibat</i>);	
Media Centre		
News	- If the child's father was named, he must provide an acknowledgement of	
Information Sheets	paternity (<i>acte de reconnaissance</i>);	
Media Relations		
	- If a parent is out of the country at the time of application for the child's passport,	
	that parent must provide power of attorney to the other parent. If the parent lives	
	in a country in which Rwanda has diplomatic representation, the power of attorney	
	must be certified with the embassy's signature and seal;	
Proactive Disclosure		

- If a parent is in prison, the other parent must provide a certified power of attorney bearing the signature and seal of the prison warden. (ibid.)

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.

Reference

Rwanda. 3 July 2008. Rwanda 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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