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Morocco: The national identity card, including the information on it and the process for obtaining the card and a replacement card

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In 5 January 2007 correspondence, the Vice-consul of the Consulate General of the Kingdom of Morocco in Montréal stated the following:

[translation]

When a person reaches the age of 18, he or she must obtain a Moroccan national identity card (carte d'identité nationale, CIN). To do so, the applicant must go to the police department where he or she lives and present a birth certificate, proof of residence (certificate of residence, ownership or rental agreement, electricity or telephone bill, etc.), two small identity photographs, and a receipt stamp in the amount of 60 Moroccan dirhams (MAD) [approximately CAD 8.24 (Canada 8 Jan. 2007)]. The applicant's fingerprints are also taken.

The CIN is valid for 10 years. To renew it, the applicant must present the old card, as well as two small photographs and the receipt stamp. If the CIN is lost, the first procedure is followed.

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Morocco's foreign consulates and embassies follow the same procedures.

The Web site of the Consulate General of the Kingdom of Morocco in Montréal provides the following information on the documents required for:

[Consulate General English version]

#### **[The] drawing up of the CIN for the very first time:**

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- 1- Consular registration Card + copy;
- 2- Birth Certificate in arabic and french (**the ORIGINAL one**), or a copy of the 1st page of the [vital statistics] registry booklet [*(livret d'état civil)*] as well as a copy of the page concerning the candidate;
- 3- Four (4) [colour] photographs of the applicant, small size (2.5x2.5 cm);
- 4- **Work certificate**, or **school certificate** (*or student identity card*) for student;
- 5- ... [**"CIN IDENTIFICATION FORM"**]: to fill [out] online and print before coming to the Consulate;
- 6- **A recorded delivery prepaid ExpressPost envelope** for CIN delivery [to the] applicant's address.

**Conditions:** 16 years old or more; Finger-printing is compulsorily conducted at the consulate premises.

**Stamp fees:** [CAD]10,00.

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#### **Duplicata** [(Replacement copy)] (**Loss**):

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- 1- Consular Registration card + copy;
- 2- Copy (both sides) of the lost CIN;

- 3- Birth Certificate in arabic and french, or a copy of the 1st page of the [vital statistics] registry booklet as well as a copy of the page concerning the candidate;
- 4- Three (3) [colour] photographs of the applicant, small size (2.5x2.5 cm);
- 5- **Work certificate**, or **school certificate** (*or student identity card*) for student;
- 6- ... [**"CIN IDENTIFICATION FORM"**]: to fill [out] online and print before coming to the Consulate;
- 7- ... [**"DECLARATION OF LOSS OF CIN"**]: to fill [out] online and print before coming to the Consulate;
- 8- ... [**"REQUEST FOR REPLACEMENT COPY"** (*Demande de duplicata*)]: to fill [out] online and print before coming to the Consulate;
- 9- **A recorded delivery prepaid ExpressPost envelope** for CIN delivery [to the] applicant's address.

**Conditions:** The applicant is required to update his fingerprinting at the Consulate premises.

**Stamp fees:** [CAD]10.00.

[CAD]10.00 [for the] Legalization of the loss statement. (Morocco 7 Dec. 2006)

The bearer's photograph appears in the upper-left hand corner of the CIN, and the identification number appears in a frame to the right of the photograph (Morocco 5 Jan. 2007; Keesing Reference Systems n.d.). The bearer's given names are listed under the identification number, and the bearer's family name, date of birth, occupation, address, and the validity period of the card are listed vertically in that order below the photograph (ibid.). The signature of the Director General of National Security (directeur général de la Sûreté nationale) appears at the bottom (ibid.). According to the information on the Keesing Reference Systems Web site, the CIN measures 108 mm by 83 mm, is laminated and is not signed by the bearer (Keesing Reference Systems n.d.). The identification number is printed on the front and back of the card and is made up of seven digits preceded by a letter (ibid.). A seal reading "MINISTÈRE DE L'INTÉRIEUR - DE LA SÛRETÉ NATIONALE" (Ministry of the Interior - of National Security) appears on the lower left-hand side (ibid.).

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