Lebanon: Procedures to follow and documentation required for a father to give consent for his child to obtain a passport outside of Lebanon; whether proof of consent must be presented to an embassy or consulate; the date when these procedures were adopted

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The website of the Embassy of Lebanon in Ottawa indicates that due to new international regulations, children are no longer added to their parents' passports; children must have their own passports to travel (Lebanon n.d.).

In 12 September 2008 correspondence, an official at the Embassy of Lebanon in Ottawa provided the following information. The father's consent is sufficient to obtain a child's passport within Lebanon. Both parents' written consent, as well as written documentation authorizing the child to travel abroad, is required to obtain a child's passport outside of Lebanon. The parents can give such consent at a Lebanese embassy or consulate, where an official can witness both parents signing the letter providing consent. There is no official consent application form. If the parents are unable to visit an embassy or consulate, they can have a notary public witness the signing of the consent letter, which in Canada is then legalized by the appropriate provincial authority.

In a 16 December 2004 telephone interview, an official from the Embassy of Lebanon in Ottawa estimated that the procedure for providing parental consent for the acquisition of a child's passport (which was the same in 2004 as in 2008) had been in place since at least 1996.

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