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INFORMATION

Update on Zero Fee or Zero USD Fee for Passport Application for Indonesian Worker Abroad

Ministry of Law and Human Rights through the Directorate General of Immigration has issued Circular Letter (Surat Edaran/SE) No. IMI-GR.01.01-0252 which affirms the procedure for applying for a zero-fee passport for Indonesian citizens who intend to go abroad as migrant workers. The Circular Letter was issued as the government's further commitment towards Indonesian migrant worker support and protection in seeking safe work abroad on 30 August 2023.

The Ministry of Law and Human Rights had issued Regulation No. 9 Year 2020 regarding Terms and Procedures for The Imposition of Zero Rupiah and Zero Us Dollar Rates on Immigration Services. But the Circular Letter (Surat Edaran/SE) No. IMI-GR.01.01-0252 was released to clarify about passport application for migrant worker. *Zero tariffs are applied for a 24-page passport service and the passport is valid for 5 (five) years.*

The imposition of Zero Rupiah and Zero USD fee (**IDR 0 or USD 0**) for passport application applies to:

- a. Indonesian Migrant Worker
- b. Indonesian citizens who are applying for passport for the purpose of Hajj, Umrah, and Internships

The Circular Letter further stipulates that the subjects above ***are relieved from having to seek recommendations from related Ministries and agencies in their passport application.*** The regulation is intended to assist migrant workers to obtain legal passports and channels to work abroad, and to enhance their protection from risks associated with illegal immigration such as human trafficking and others. The Indonesian government is also committed to further enhance its immigration regulation to promote economic growth and empowerment.

References:

- Directorate General of Immigration Circular Letter No. IMI-GR.01.01-0252
- Ministry of Law and Human Rights Regulation No. 9 Year 2020

If you require a copy of the reference documents above, please do not hesitate to contact research@ibai.or.id.

Thank you for your attention and hope this information would be valuable to you

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