

Border Control Authority or Department  
Address of the Border Control Authority  
City,  
Post Code

Your Full Name  
Your Full Address,  
City,  
Poste Code

**Date:**

**Re:** Request for the Return of Confiscated Passport

## Notice

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally request the immediate return of my passport, which was confiscated by border control on **Date of Confiscation**. The details of the confiscation, as I understand it, were as follows:

- **Name:** Your Full Name
- **Passport Number:** Passport Number
- **Date of Confiscation:** Date
- **Location of Confiscation:** Airport, Border Crossing, etc.

I understand that border control has the authority to confiscate travel documents in certain circumstances, but I respectfully request that you provide clarification on the legal basis for the confiscation of my passport. I also request the return of my passport as soon as possible, as it is a critical document for my travel and identification purposes.

### Legislation Regarding Confiscation of Passport and Property Rights

Under national and international law, the confiscation of personal property—including passports—is generally subject to strict legal frameworks and protections against arbitrary deprivation of property. Below are some key references that outline these principles:

#### 1. International Human Rights Law (Universal Declaration of Human Rights)

- Article 17 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), to which **Country passport was taken** is a signatory, states:

"No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his property."

Additionally, under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), to which **Country passport was taken** is a party, Article 14 states:

"Everyone shall be entitled to a fair and public hearing by a competent, independent and impartial tribunal..."

These principles suggest that the confiscation of a passport must be done in accordance with established legal procedures, including the right to a fair hearing or appeal.

## **2. Procedural Rights Regarding Confiscation**

In many jurisdictions, authorities are required to follow certain procedures when confiscating a passport. These often include:

- Providing the individual with a written explanation of the reason for the confiscation.
- Informing the individual of their right to challenge or appeal the decision in a court or relevant authority.
- Returning the passport once the issue has been resolved, or if no legal basis for the confiscation is found.

I respectfully request that you provide the following information regarding the confiscation of my passport:

1. The legal grounds for the confiscation of my passport.
2. Any official documents or notices outlining the reasons for the confiscation.
3. Details regarding the process for the return of my passport.

I would also appreciate guidance on any next steps required for the formal return of my passport or to resolve any issues that may have led to the confiscation.

## **Conclusion**

I respectfully request the prompt and lawful return of my passport. Should there be any legal or procedural requirements I must comply with to facilitate this, please provide clear instructions. I am confident that, upon review of the circumstances, you will find that the return of my passport is appropriate and in line with the protections provided under national and international law.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.

**Your Full Name**