

**REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI**  
**(No. 23 of 1996)**

I assent,

*T. T. T.*

**Beretitenti**  
06/12/1996

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE PASSPORT ACT (CAP. 66A) (REVISED EDITION 1996)**

Commencement:  
1996

**MADE** by the Maneaba ni Maungatabu and Assented to by the Beretitenti.

**Short Title**

1. This Act may be cited as the Passport (Amendment) Act 1996.

**Commencement**

2. This Act shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1 January 1996.

**Amendment of Section 3**

3. Section 3 of the Passport Act (Revised Edition 1996) is amended in the definition of "investor passport" by repealing the words "two" occurring in the fourth line and substituting the words "5 (five)".

**Amendment of Section 4A**

4. Section 4A of the Passport Act (Revised Edition 1996) is amended by inserting the words "and after that period such other period of time as may be prescribed" between the words "passport" and "shall" in the third line.

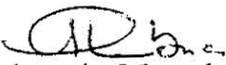
**Insertion of new section 4B**

5. The Passport Act is amended by inserting between Section 4A and Section 5 a new section 4B as follows:

“Period of Validity of Investor Passport

4B. An Investor Passport shall be valid for a period of 5 years from the date of issue.”

This printed impression has been carefully examined by me with the Bill which passed the Maneaba ni Maungatabu on 25 November 1996 and is found by me to be a true and correctly printed copy of the said Bill.

  
Clerk to the Maneaba ni Maungatabu

I certify that the above Act was on 25 November 1996 passed by the Maneaba ni Maungatabu on a Certificate of Urgency under section 68(3)(a) of the Constitution

  
Speaker

Published by exhibition at the Maneaba ni Maungatabu this *11th* day of *December* 1996

  
Clerk to the Maneaba ni Maungatabu

## THE PASSPORT (AMENDMENT) ACT 1996

### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The principal objects of this short Act is firstly to extend the period of validity of an investor passport from 2 years to 5 years and secondly, to empower the Minister and the Cabinet to determine other convenient period of time for revisiting Tarawa by a foreign investor apart from the first compulsory visit which is to be made about 12 months from the date of issue of an investor passport which an investor may be required to undertake in the future from time to time whilst the investor passport is still valid.

These are achieved by amending the definition of "investor pasport" and section 4A of the Passport Act which are set out in sections 3, 4 and 5 of the Act.

The Act is to be given a retrospective operation to 1st January 1996 so that the period of validity of all investor passports whether issued before or after this Act will be all the same namely five years.

Michael N. Takabwebe  
Attorney General  
11 October 1996