Dear Nyasalander,
Are you aware of these new 2026 passport rules for British Citizens living overseas. What a nightmare! Here in Australia alone it will affect over a million people and it it begs the question what were they thinking?
Taking into account the short notice of this decision plus the lack of information from the UK, we here in Australia have only become aware of this in the last few days, quite unbelievable. I let my British passport expire back in 1979 thinking that I would not need it again as I had Australian citizenship plus an Australian Passport and I was confident that I would always have my British heritage for ever. For my two visits to the UK back in 2011 and 2017 my Australian passport served me well. However it seems now that if I want to enter the UK again then I need dual passports and either renew my British passport at a cost of $280 or get a Certificate of entry on my Australian Passport at a cost of $1180 - or horror of horrors, renounce my British birth right at a cost of $966. Well that won't be happening for a start. To add insult to injury my three adult Children also have to suffer due to their mother being born in the UK. Two of my sons and their families have plans to travel to Europe and the UK possibly this year and next year. What a nightmare!
So I'm sure this will affect many of our NYPOL members resident outside the UK and It would be interesting to hear their views on this matter.
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