



# BEST PASSPORT RANKINGS

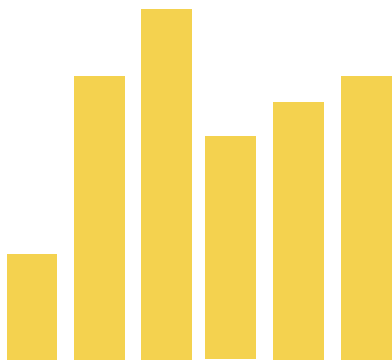
FIRST EDITION

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We have published our first edition of passport ranking model for 2020 in association with Best Citizenships and World Citizenship Council (WCC)



Our PBS scoring model was designed to rank the best passport in the world. We looked into visa restrictions on 196 passports in the world based on the below visa classifications

1. Visa not required
2. Visa required
3. eVisas
4. Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)
5. Visa on arrival
6. Dual passports
7. Consular protection
8. Visa free to BIG-6 countries
9. Access to British and US territories



We collected freely and publicly available Wikipedia visa requirements for our dataset. We used Python, and other libraries to process and filter the visa dataset before arriving at the numbers.

### TOP 10 PASSPORTS

Country	Score	Rank
Denmark	179	1
Finland	179	1
Italy	179	2
Sweden	179	2
Belgium	178	3
Spain	178	3
Japan	178	3
Greece	177	4
Norway	177	4
Portugal	177	4
Singapore	177	5
Switzerland	176	6
Hungary	176	6
United Kingdom	176	6
United States	176	6
Poland	176	7
France	175	8
Ireland	175	8
Germany	175	9
Luxembourg	174	10
Netherlands	174	10



# OUR RANKING MODEL

Our PBS scoring model did comprehensive study on visa restrictions looking into visa categories such as visa not required, eVisas, Visa on arrival and eTA for passports of 200 countries and territories.

We also looked beyond visas such as ability to combine dual passports for freedom of movement with visas and also get consulate assistance nearby in case of emergencies.

We assigned extra points for passports that have full freedom to visit British and US territories with just a passport.

We assigned more points to passports that had visa free access to BIG-6 countries such as United States, Canada, United Kingdom, European Union, China and Russia. After all what good is a passport if it does not have visa free access to these countries.

First we assigned full points to passports that had full visa free access. This means you can board the plane with just a passport.

We classified online eVisas, Visa on arrival, and Electronic authorizations (eTA) as soft visa categories as you will not be able to board the plane without these e-authorizations. These soft visa categories received only half points.

## POINTS

1. Visa not required - 1 point
2. eVisa /eTA/Visa on arrival (0.5points)
3. Visa free access to BIG-6countries
  - United States (5points)
  - United Kingdom (5points)
  - EU schengen area(5points)
  - Canada (5points)
  - Russia (5points)
  - China (5points)
4. Dual passports (5points)
5. Embassies / Consulates available (5points)
6. Visa free access to US/UK territories with only passport
  - British Territories (5points)
  - US Territories (5points)



# REGIONAL RANKINGS



Top 10 Passports

## Weakest Passports

Country	Score
Afghanistan	10.5
Somalia	22.5
Yemen	24.0
Syria	26.0
Iraq	29.0
North Korea	29.0
Eritrea	29.5
Ethiopia	29.5
DR Congo	30.0
Pakistan	31.3
Libya	32.0
Sudan	32.0
Nepal	53.0
Djibouti	34.0
Palestine	34.0

## Caribbean

1	Barbados	153
2	Bahamas	151
3	St Kitts and Nevis	141
4	Antigua and Barbuda	139
4	Grenada	139
5	St Vincent and Grenadines	139
6	Trinidad and Tobago	133
7	Dominica	131
8	Saint Lucia	128
9	Belize	88
10	Jamaica	86
11	Dominican Republic	57

## Europe

Rank	Country	Score
1	Denmark	179
1	Finland	179
2	Italy	179
2	Sweden	179
3	Belgium	178
3	Spain	178
4	Greece	177
4	Norway	177
4	Portugal	177
5	Switzerland	176
5	Hungary	176
5	United Kingdom	176
6	Poland	176
7	France	175
7	Ireland	175
8	Germany	175
9	Luxembourg	174
9	Netherlands	174
10	Czechia	173

## Asia

Rank	Country	Score
1	Japan	178
2	Singapore	177
3	Hong Kong	170
3	South Korea	170
4	Malaysia	159
5	Brunei	155
6	Macau	136
7	Taiwan	130
8	Turkey	100
9	Maldives	82
10	Thailand	80

# REGIONAL RANKINGS

Top countries

## Americas

Rank	Country	Score
1	 United States	176
2	 Canada	172
2	 Chile	172
3	 Argentina	161
4	 Brazil	159
5	 Mexico	148
6	 Uruguay	142
7	 Costa Rica	137
8	 Paraguay	130
9	 Panama	129
10	 Peru	128

## Africa

Rank	Country	Score
1	 Seychelles	149
2	 Mauritius	141
3	 South Africa	96
4	 Botswana	73
5	 Namibia	68
6	 Lesotho	66
7	 Gambia	64
8	 Kenya	63
9	 Tanzania	63
10	 Tunisia	61

## Middle East

Rank	Country	Score
1	 United Arab Emirates	161
2	 Israel	155
3	 Qatar	81
4	 Kuwait	75
5	 Oman	67
6	 Saudi Arabia	66
7	 Bahrain	64

## Oceania

Rank	Country	Score
1	 New Zealand	172
2	 Australia	171
3	 Samoa	127
4	 Solomon Islands	125
5	 Vanuatu	124
6	 Palau	122
7	 Tuvalu	118
8	 Tonga	115
8	 Kiribati	115
8	 Marshall Islands	115
9	 Fiji	84
10	 Nauru	79

# VISA RESTRICTIONS

	Visa not required	Visa required	eVisa	eTA	Visa on arrival	eVisa / Visa on arrival	Total Access
Singapore	124	27	7	4	24	10	169
Germany	121	28	9	3	14	21	168
Denmark	120	28	12	2	14	20	168
Finland	120	28	10	3	15	20	168
Italy	120	29	9	3	14	21	167
Sweden	120	29	11	2	14	20	167
Luxembourg	119	28	10	3	16	20	168
Netherlands	119	28	13	2	14	20	168
Belgium	118	29	14	2	13	20	167
Malta	118	30	13	3	18	14	166
Spain	118	29	10	3	15	21	167
Austria	117	30	12	3	13	21	166
Cyprus	117	33	15	1	16	14	163
France	116	29	11	2	15	20	164
Greece	117	29	13	2	15	20	167
Japan	117	28	6	4	20	21	168
Norway	117	29	13	2	16	19	167
Portugal	117	29	13	2	15	20	167
Switzerland	117	31	11	3	15	19	165
Hungary	116	30	14	2	14	20	166
United Arab Emirates	114	27	10	2	27	14	167
Hong Kong	111	38	11	3	19	14	158
Poland	115	30	14	2	15	20	166
Slovenia	115	31	14	1	16	19	165
Czechia	113	31	12	2	14	21	162
Estonia	114	31	15	2	15	19	165
Lithuania	114	33	12	3	16	18	163
Slovakia	114	31	13	2	16	20	165
Malaysia	114	31	11	3	25	11	164
Romania	113	32	15	1	18	17	164
Ireland	112	28	13	2	23	18	168
Croatia	111	35	16	1	14	19	161
Iceland	110	32	13	3	16	19	161
Latvia	110	33	13	2	16	19	160
Bulgaria	110	34	15	1	17	19	162
Liechtenstein	110	35	13	3	19	16	161
United Kingdom	114	30	13	2	19	20	168
United States	113	28	14	2	20	20	169
Brazil	108	36	12	1	22	16	159
Barbados	106	44	12	2	26	4	150
Canada	107	30	13	2	23	21	166
New Zealand	107	29	12	2	27	19	167
Argentina	105	38	10	2	24	16	157
Seychelles	104	53	12	1	22	4	143
South Korea	113	23	6	4	22	21	166
Australia	105	29	13	1	27	21	167
Chile	105	38	14	2	22	15	158
Monaco	104	35	16	3	20	18	161
Bahamas	100	52	12	1	24	5	142

Visa requirements that apply on Top 50 passports in the World