



THE STATUTE LAWS OF CYPRUS

No. 31 OF 1957.

A LAW TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE REGISTRATION OF RESIDENTS
IN THE COLONY, FOR THE ISSUE OF IDENTITY CARDS AND
FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

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Officer Administering the Government.

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Officer Administering
the Government and Commander-in-Chief of the
Colony of Cyprus as follows:—

1. This Law may be cited as the Registration of Residents
Law, 1957, and shall come into force on such date as the Governor
may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

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mencement.

2. In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires—

Interpreta-
tion.

“Commissioner for Registration” means the person appointed as such by the Governor under section 3 of this Law ;

“finger print” includes thumbprint ;

“identity card” means an identity card issued under the provisions of section 8 or deemed to have been so issued under the provisions of section 22 ;

“police officer” means any member of the Cyprus Police Force and includes members of the Auxiliary Police Force and Special Constables ;

“register” means any register established and maintained under the provisions of section 4 of this Law ;

“registration authority” means any person appointed to an office under section 3 of this Law ;

“Registration Officer” includes an Assistant Registration Officer ;

3.—(1) The Governor may, by notice in the *Gazette*, appoint a Commissioner for Registration and such Registration Officers as may be necessary for the purposes of this Law.

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(2) The Commissioner for Registration may appoint such number of Assistant Registration Officers as the Governor may authorise.

(3) The Commissioner for Registration may appoint such number of Registration Agents as may be deemed necessary.

(4) All persons appointed under the provisions of this section shall be deemed to be persons employed in the public service within the meaning of the Criminal Code.

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(5) The Commissioner for Registration may, either generally or specially, direct any Registration Officer or Assistant Registration Officer to exercise, perform, or discharge any power, duty or function of the Commissioner for Registration under this Law or any rules made thereunder.

4.—(1) The Commissioner for Registration shall cause to be kept such register, or registers as may be prescribed, of all persons in the Colony registered under this Law, in which there shall be entered the following particulars in respect of each person—

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(a) registration number ;

(b) his name, or, if he is known by different names each of his names, in full ;

(c) his father's name, or, if the father is known by different names, each of such names, in full ;

(d) sex ;

(e) nationality ;

(f) community ;

(g) place of birth ;

(h) date of birth ;

(i) occupation, profession, trade or employment ;

(j) full address of his usual place of residence ;

(k) such finger prints as may be prescribed ;

(l) date of registration ;

(m) such other particulars as may be prescribed or which the registration authority concerned may in any particular case consider necessary for the purpose of identification.

(2) Any officer in the service of the Government, duly authorised by a Registration Officer in that behalf, may in the exercise of his official duties, inspect any such register.

5.—(1) Subject to the provisions of section 22 all persons within the Colony shall register in the manner provided for by this Law.

(2) The following persons and classes of persons are exempted from the liability to register imposed by sub-section (1) of this section—

(a) the Governor ;

(b) members of the Diplomatic Services or of the Consular Service of a Commonwealth Government or of a foreign Government with which Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom has diplomatic relations, who are duly accredited to the Colony by the Government concerned and who are in possession of a document of identity issued by the Government of Cyprus ;

(c) such other persons or classes of persons as may from time to time by rules made under this Law be exempted absolutely, or subject to such conditions or qualifications as may be prescribed.

(3) Any person, exempted under the provisions of sub-section (2) of this section, who contravenes or fails to comply with any term or condition of such an exemption, or who ceases in any manner to be qualified for such exemption, shall, as from the date on which he first contravened or failed to comply with such term or condition or otherwise ceased to be so qualified, be liable to register under this Law.

(4) When any person claims to be exempted from liability to register under this Law the burden of proving that he is so exempted shall lie upon him.

6.—(1) Every unregistered person liable to register under this Law, other than a person who enters the Colony after the commencement of this Law, shall attend before a registration authority within six days, or such other period as may be prescribed in the case of any particular person or class of persons, of the commencement of this Law or of the date on which he first becomes liable to register, whichever may be the later, for the purpose of registering under the provisions of this Law. Every such person shall, upon so attending—

(a) deliver to the registration authority two unmounted duplicate passport-size photographs of himself to the satisfaction of the registration authority, or submit to all such steps as may be reasonably necessary for the taking of photographs of himself in accordance with any directions given by the registration authority ;

(b) give to the registration authority the particulars specified in sub-section (1) of section 4 of this Law, and for this purpose shall permit his finger print to be recorded in any manner prescribed.

(2) Any unregistered person who, being a person liable to register under this Law enters the Colony after the commencement of this Law, shall present himself within such time as may be prescribed before the nearest registration authority and shall register himself in the manner prescribed in sub-section (1) of this section.

7. A registration authority may require any person who has given any information in pursuit of this Law or rules made thereunder to furnish such documentary or other evidence of the truth of such information as it is within the power of that person to furnish. Power to demand proof of information.

8.—(1) Upon the registration of a person under the provisions of this Law, the registration authority shall issue an identity card in the prescribed form to such person. Registration authority to issue identity cards.

(2) Every registered person shall permit such of his finger prints to be recorded on his identity card as a registration authority may require.

(3) One of the photographs delivered under the provisions of section 6 of this Law shall be affixed to such identity card and the other shall be retained in the register.

9.—(1) The Governor may, by order, cancel the registration of any person or class of persons registered or deemed to have been registered under the provisions of this Law, and such person or class of persons shall register again on or before such date as may be specified in the order aforesaid. Re-registration.

(2) The registration authority may, by endorsement upon any identity card, require the person, to whom such card has been issued to register again under this Law on such date as may be specified in such endorsement.

(3) Where, in the opinion of a registration authority any particulars entered on the register, in respect of any person registered or deemed to have been registered under this Law, are or have, subsequently to his registration, become incorrect or misleading, or any photograph affixed to any identity card is not, or has, or may have, ceased to be a good likeness or any finger print of any person furnished by him under this Law is not sufficient for the purpose of the ready identification of such person, the registration authority may require such person to surrender his identity card and to make application forthwith, in the prescribed manner, for the issue to him of a replacement identity card, on such date as he may direct.

(4) Upon such person making an application for the replacement of an identity card under the provisions of sub-section (3) of this section, he shall surrender his original identity card if not previously surrendered, to the registration authority, who may thereupon issue a replacement identity card to such person in accordance with the procedure laid down in section 8.

(5) Any identity card issued to any person prior to the date on which such person is required to register again under this section or to apply for a replacement identity card under this section shall cease to be valid upon such date and thereafter such person shall be an unregistered person until he shall register in the manner specified in section 6.

Identity card to be kept safely.

Replacement to be made when identity card is lost, destroyed or defaced.

10.—(1) Every person to whom an identity card has been issued shall be responsible for the safe custody thereof.

(2) Where an identity card is lost, destroyed, mutilated or defaced, so that the particulars thereon are no longer clearly decipherable, the person to whom the card relates shall forthwith notify the registration authority and such other persons as may be prescribed, and shall make application forthwith, in the prescribed manner, for the issue to him of a replacement identity card, and thereupon the registration authority may issue such card in place of the one lost, destroyed, mutilated or so defaced as aforesaid, on such conditions and on payment of such fee as may be prescribed.

(3) If any person, having obtained or applied for an identity card to be replaced on the ground that his card was lost, subsequently finds or recovers possession of his original card he shall forthwith report the fact to such persons and in such manner as may be prescribed and shall take all such other steps as may be prescribed.

(4) Any person failing to make any report required under sub-section (2) or sub-section (3) of this section shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years or to a fine not exceeding five hundred pounds or both such imprisonment and fine.

Production and inspection of identity cards.

11.—(1) Where any person, required to be registered under the provisions of this Law, applies to any person employed in the public service (hereinafter in this section referred to as an "officer") for the grant of any licence, permit or other document or for the exercise of such lawful or judicial functions, the officer aforesaid, may, in his discretion, require the applicant to produce his identity card. If such applicant when so required, does not produce to such officer his identity card or other proof, to the satisfaction of the officer that he has been registered, the officer may, notwithstanding the provisions of any Law for the time being in force in the Colony, in his discretion, defer consideration of such application until such applicant produces either his identity card or such other proof.

(2) Any police officer on duty and any registration authority and any other person, authorised by the Commissioner for Registration in writing in that behalf, may require any person to whom this part applies, to produce his identity card, or, if such person fails to produce such identity card when required so to do, may require him to produce it within such time, to such person and at such place as the person making the requirement may think fit.