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An Act for the registration of persons in Singapore, for the issue of identity cards and for purposes connected therewith.

[5 May 1966]

Short title

1. This Act is the National Registration Act 1965.

Interpretation

- 2.—(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“Commissioner” means the Commissioner of National Registration appointed under section 3;

“document” means anything in which information of any description is recorded, whether in electronic or other form;

“false identity card” means —

- (a) a document that is not an identity card but purports to be an identity card; or
- (b) an identity card that has been altered by an unauthorised person;

“householder” means the owner, tenant, subtenant or occupier of a house, shophouse, flat, apartment, hut or other dwelling place;

“identity card” means an identity card issued under this Act, and includes an identity card issued or deemed to be issued under the Registration of Persons Ordinance 1955 (Ordinance 32 of 1955);

“immigration officer” means an immigration officer appointed under section 3 of the Immigration Act 1959;

“personal identifier” means a personal identifier in any form (including digital form) that is specified in the Schedule;

“police officer” has the meaning given by section 2(1) of the Police Force Act 2004;

“public authority” means a body established or constituted by or under a public Act to perform or discharge a public function;

“register” means the register specified in section 5;

“registration officer”, in relation to any provision of this Act, means —

(a) the Commissioner;

(b) the Deputy Commissioner of National Registration;

(c) an Assistant Commissioner of National Registration;
or

(d) a person appointed as a registration officer under section 3(4) for the purposes of that provision.

[32/2016]

(2) Unless the context otherwise requires —

(a) a reference to the registration of a person under this Act includes a reference to the re-registration of a person under this Act; and

(b) a reference to a person who is registered, or required to be registered, under this Act includes a reference to a person who is re-registered, or required to be re-registered, under this Act.

[32/2016]

(3) The Minister may, by order in the *Gazette*, amend the Schedule, except that any other personal identifier so prescribed in the order —

(a) must be an image, a measurement or a recording of an external part of the human body, or a measurement or a recording of a person’s voice; and