

National Registration Regulations

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**NATIONAL REGISTRATION ACT
(CHAPTER 201, SECTION 19)**

NATIONAL REGISTRATION REGULATIONS

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Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Registration Regulations.

Definition

2. In these Regulations, “ police officer” shall have the same meaning as in the Police Force Act [Cap. 235] and shall include a member of the Special Constabulary and a member of the Auxiliary Police Force constituted under that Act.

Registration and re-registration under Act

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), every person who is required to register under the Act shall, within one year of attaining the age of 15 years, report to the registration officer and register in accordance with these Regulations.

(2) Where any person who was below the age of 15 years before 1st January 1997 has been issued with an identity card or replacement in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations in force immediately before that date, he shall not be required to register under paragraph (1) upon attaining the age of 15 years.

(3) Every person who is required to register under the Act but who was resident outside Singapore during the whole of the period specified in paragraph (1) shall, within one year of his return to Singapore, report to the registration officer and register in accordance with these Regulations.

(4) Nothing in this regulation shall prevent the registration of a person who fails to register within the period specified in paragraph (1).

(5) Without prejudice to section 13(1)(a) of the Act, every person who is required to re-register under section 6 of the Act but who has failed to do so before 31st December 1995 shall, as soon as is practicable, report to the registration officer and re-register in accordance with these Regulations.

Procedure and documents

4.—(1) Every person required to register or re-register under the Act shall —

- (a) deliver to the registration officer one unmounted photograph showing a true likeness of himself taken in accordance with the conditions laid down in the National Registration (Photographs) Regulations or submit to all such steps as may be reasonably necessary for the taking of a photograph of himself in accordance with any directions given by the registration officer;
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- (b) surrender his previous identity card, if any;
- (c) submit to all such steps as may be reasonably necessary for the taking of a finger impression;
- (d) give the following particulars to the registration officer:
 - (i) his name or if he is known by different names, each of his names in full;
 - (ii) his previous identity card number, if any, and its date of issue;

- (iii) the full particulars of his place of residence;
- (iv) his race;
- (v) his language or dialect;
- (vi) his place of birth;
- (vii) his date of birth and sex;
- (viii) his blood group;
- (ix) his status as a citizen of Singapore or other citizenship or national status;
- (x) his occupation; and
- (xi) such other particulars as the registration officer may consider necessary; and

(e) produce such documentary evidence as the registration officer may consider necessary to support the accuracy of any particulars submitted.

(2) The registration officer may, at his discretion, endorse, with a stamp or other distinguishing mark, any document produced to him under this regulation.

Issue of identity cards

5.—(1) The registration officer may, at his discretion, issue to the person giving the particulars referred to in regulation 4 an identity card containing the person's photograph, his finger impression as provided in regulation 4(1)(c), his blood group and such other particulars as may be necessary for identification.

(2) In this regulation —

“photograph” includes an image, in the likeness of a photograph reproduced from data acquired by electronic, photographic or similar means and stored by means of a computer or other like instrument;

“finger impression” includes an image, in the likeness of a thumb or finger impression reproduced from data acquired by electronic, photographic or similar means and stored by means of a computer or other like instrument.

(3) Identity cards issued under these Regulations shall be of two types; one type being pink in colour for citizens of Singapore and the other blue in colour for persons who are not citizens of Singapore.

Custody of identity card

6. Any person to whom an identity card is issued shall, subject to the provisions of these Regulations, be responsible for its custody.

Officers who may require production of identity cards

7.—(1) Any registration officer, immigration officer, police officer, officer of customs, officer of the Central Narcotics Bureau or Special Investigator of the Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau (referred to in this regulation as the inspecting officer) and any other officer or class or description of officer authorised in writing in that behalf by the Commissioner, may at any time require any person (not being a person exempted under regulation 22) to produce his identity card for inspection, or to produce it within such time to such person and at such place as the officer requiring its production may think fit. The inspecting officer may retain the identity card for the purpose of investigations.

(2) Any inspecting officer, other than a police officer in uniform purporting to act under paragraph (1), shall, if so requested by any person from whom he has required the production of an identity card, produce for inspection by the person the written authority under which he purports to be acting.

(3) For the purpose of receiving or considering any application for, or any matter connected with, the citizenship of Singapore as provided in any law for the time being in force relating to the citizenship of Singapore, any public officer or other person having any statutory duty under the provisions of any such law shall have all the powers of an inspecting officer conferred by paragraph (1).

Other authority entitled to demand production of identity cards

8.—(1) Any authority to whom a person required to be registered or re-registered under these Regulations applies for the grant of any licence, permit or other document or for the exercise of the authority's lawful functions, may in the authority's discretion require the applicant to produce his identity card; and if the applicant does not produce to the authority his identity card or other proof to the satisfaction of the authority that he has been registered, re-registered or exempted from registration under these Regulations, the authority may, in the authority's discretion, defer consideration of the application until the applicant produces either his identity card or such other proof.

[S 560 /95 wef 22.12.95.]

(2) Where an invalid identity card has been produced to any authority referred to in paragraph (1), it shall be lawful for the authority to retain such identity card and forward it to the Commissioner of National Registration for cancellation.

[S 560 /95 wef 22.12.95.]

(3) For the purpose of this regulation, “invalid identity card” means an identity card