

National Identity Card (Mobile ID) Regulations 2024

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THE NATIONAL IDENTITY CARD ACT

Regulations made by the Minister under section 10 of the National Identity Card Act

1. Citation

These regulations may be cited as the National Identity Card (Mobile ID) Regulations 2024.

2. Interpretation

In these regulations -

"Act" means the National Identity Card Act;

"Card Body Number" has the same meaning as in the National Identity Card Regulations 2024;

"designated office" has the same meaning as in the National Identity Card Regulations 2024;

"MauPass" has the same meaning as in the National Computer Board (Certificate Authority) Regulations 2021;

"Mauritius mID Certification Authority System" means a Certification Authority system for the issuing of digital certificates used for digital signing of the Mobile Security Object;

"MNIC" means the Mauritius National Identity Card;

"Mobile Security Object" means the hash value of the data of an applicant for a Mobile ID which is electronically signed using a digital certificate issued by the Mauritius mID Certification Authority System;

"Mobile Verifier App" means a mobile application designed to verify the authenticity and validity of a Mobile ID;

"SC logo" means the logo for senior citizens.

3. Registration of Mobile ID

- (1) The holder of a valid identity card may register for a Mobile ID.
- (2) A Mobile ID shall be stored in a Digital Wallet.
- (3) No person shall register for a Mobile ID unless he is the holder of a valid MauPass account.
- (4) A person who registers for a Mobile ID shall have the following particulars recorded in the Mobile -
 - (a) the surname, first name and, where applicable, the surname at birth of the person;
 - (b) the date of birth of the person;
 - (c) the gender of the person;
 - (d) the photograph of the person;
 - (e) the signature of the person (if the person is unable to sign his name, no signature will be recorded);
 - (f) the NIC number of the person;
 - (g) the Card Body Number of the identity card of the person;
 - (h) the residential address of the person;
 - (i) the email address of the person;
 - (j) the mobile number of the person;
 - (k) the fixed phone number of the person;
 - (l) the date of issue of the identity card of the person;
 - (m) the date of issue of the Mobile ID;
 - (n) the SC logo, where applicable;
 - (o) the Mobile Security Object; and
 - (p) a QR code which shall be used to establish a secure communication with a Mobile Verifier App.
- (5) The data of a Mobile ID shall be automatically updated when data of an identity card is updated, unless the identity card is no longer active.

4. Validity of Mobile ID

(1) A Mobile ID shall be -

- (a) valid for a period of 2 years;
- (b) renewed by the holder prior to the expiry of the Mobile ID;
- (c) renewed by the holder after issuance of a new identity card;
- (d) deactivated after 1.5 days where the holder applies for a new identity card due to loss;
- (e) deactivated immediately in case of -
 - (i) issuance of a new identity card; or
 - (ii) cancellation of identity card pursuant to section 8(1) or (3) of the Act;
- (f) installed on only one mobile device which shall hold only one mobile ID.

(2) No Mobile ID shall be renewable unless the identity card is active.

(3) The holder of a Mobile ID who loses or misplaces the device storing his mobile ID shall deactivate his Mobile ID -

- (a) through the MNIC Portal; or
- (b) at a designated office.

5. Usage of Mobile ID

A Mobile ID shall be -

- (a) accepted when the holder is required to produce evidence of his identity;
- (b) used to report loss of an identity card to the Unit;
- (c) used to report a change of address to the Unit;
- (d) used to digitally sign an electronic document;
- (e) used to authenticate the holder;
- (f) used to share a digitally signed electronic copy of an identity card;
- (g) used to share mobile ID data, with the holder's consent, to registered agencies.

6. Mobile Verifier App

(1) The Mobile Verifier App shall be issued by the Unit.

(2). The Mobile Verifier App shall allow the verification of the genuineness of a Mobile ID.

7. Commencement

These regulations shall come into operation on 19 February 2024.

Made by the Minister on 16 February 2024.