

National Identity Card 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. These regulations may be cited as the **National Identity Card Regulations 2024**.

2. In these regulations -

"Act" means the National Identity Card Act;

"application form" means the form set out in the First Schedule;

"appropriate fee" means the fee specified in the Second Schedule;

"1D Barcode" means the machine-readable representation of the NIC number printed at the back of the original identity card;

"2D Barcode" means the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) compliant visual digital seal printed at the back of the new identity card which contains the civil data and which is electronically signed using a digital certificate issued by the MNIS Certification Authority System;

"Card Body Number", in relation to an identity card, means a 9-character identifier printed on the reverse of the identity card which uniquely identifies that card;

"certificate" means a record issued by the MNIS Certification Authority System for the purpose of supporting digital signatures, encryption and authentication;

"civil data" means the NIC number, surname, first name, surname at birth, gender and date of birth of the holder of an identity card;

"designated office" means such office as the Head of the Unit may designate;

"Document Security Object" means the hash value of the data of an applicant for an identity card, which is electronically signed using a digital certificate issued by the MNIS Certification Authority System;

"hash value" means the value computed from the data of an applicant for an identity card;

"identity card" means an original identity card or a new identity card;

"invalid's basic pension" has the same meaning as in the National Pensions Act;

"MauSign Certification Authority System" means a licenced Certification Authority system for the issuing of digital certificates, including the digital certificates which will be stored in the chip of

the identity card or one time digital certificates to MauPass users to digitally sign electronic documents on the mobile ID;

"MNIS Certification Authority System" means a Certification Authority system for the issuing of digital certificates, including the digital certificates used for digital signing of the Document Security Object;

"new identity card" or "MNIC 3.0" means an identity card -

- (a) issued on or after 19 February 2024; and.
- (b) set out in the Third Schedule;

"original identity card" means an identity card -

- (a) issued on or after 16 September 2013 but prior to 19 February 2024; and
- (b) set out in the Fourth Schedule.

3. An application for a new identity card pursuant to section 4 or 5 of the Act, or for the renewal of a new identity card shall -

- (a) be made electronically in the application form at any designated office; and
- (b) subject to regulation 7, be accompanied by the appropriate fee.

4. Subject to regulations 5 and 8, every identity card issued shall be valid for a period of 20 years from its date of issue, or up to the date of the registration of the date of death of the person to whom the card was issued, whichever is earlier.

5. (1) For the purpose of section 5(4) of the Act, every holder of an identity card shall apply for a new identity card where -

- (a) there is any change in his name or surname;
- (b) his identity card is lost or damaged;
- (c) the identity card has to be replaced on account of—
 - (i) the disfigurement of the holder of the card;
 - (ii) any material change in the physical appearance of the holder of the card; or
 - (iii) any change in the biometric information of the holder of the card;
- (d) an entry on the identity card contains an error;
- (e) an entry on the identity card becomes illegible; or
- (f) the holder of the card, being a female, elects to make use of the surname of her husband and such surname is not borne on the identity card issued to her.

(2) Where an application is made on the ground that the identity card has been lost, it shall be accompanied, in addition to any document that may be required to be produced under the Act,

by a memorandum or other similar document from the Police attesting that the applicant has reported the loss of the identity card.

(3) The holder of an identity card who loses his card may, in addition to the requirement under paragraph (2), report the loss on the MNIC Portal or through his Mobile ID or at the time of applying for a new card.

6. (1) On application of a new identity card, the applicant may opt for the creation of a MauPass account and installation of digital certificates on the identity card.

(2) The digital certificates referred to in paragraph (1) shall be valid for a period of 2 years and shall be issued by the MauSign Certification Authority system.

(3) In case of loss or cancellation of a new identity card, the corresponding digital certificates shall be revoked.

7. (1) No fee shall be levied on an applicant where his application is made -

(a) under section 4(1) of the Act;

(b) on the ground specified in regulation 5(1)(d); or

(c) under regulation 8(1).

(2) Notwithstanding these regulations, the Minister may, on application in writing by any person or category of persons, exempt, on good cause shown, any person or category of persons from the payment of fees under these regulations.

8. (1) Where the holder of a valid identity card attains the age of 60, he shall, within 90 days of attaining that age, make an application for a senior citizen identity card at any designated office.

(2) Where a person is unable to comply with paragraph (1) on ground of serious illness, as certified by a medical practitioner, or any other compelling ground, he may make the application in such manner and within such period as the Head of the Unit may determine.

(3) An applicant shall, upon being issued with a senior citizen identity card, surrender to the Head of the Unit any identity card previously issued to him.

9. Every identity card issued shall, in addition to the information specified in section 5(2) of the Act, contain -

(a) in the case of an original identity card, a Card Body Number, a Document Security Object and a 1D Barcode; or

(b) in the case of a new identity card, a Card Body Number, a Document Security Object, a 1D Barcode and a 2D Barcode.

10. For the purpose of section 6(2) of the Act, a notification for any change of residence shall be in the form set out in the Fifth Schedule, available at any designated office or on the MNIC Portal or Mobile ID.

11. (1) Subject to paragraph (2), the heirs of a deceased person or the person in possession of the identity card of the deceased shall, within 28 days of the demise of the deceased person, deliver to the Head of the Unit the identity card belonging to the deceased person for perforation.

(2) Where the identity card belonging to the deceased person is lost, the heirs or the person in possession of the card of the deceased shall deliver to the Head of the Unit, within 28 days of the date of the demise of the deceased person, a memorandum or any other similar document from the Police, attesting that the heirs or the persons in possession of the card have reported the loss of the identity card of the deceased.

(3) Where the heirs or the person in possession of the identity card of the deceased have failed to comply with the period specified in paragraph (1) or (2), they may produce the identity card of the deceased or the memorandum or any other similar document from the Police, as the case may be, within such period of time as the Head of the Unit may determine, should the Head of the Unit be satisfied of compelling reasons for such failure to produce the identity card within the period specified.

(4) Subject to paragraph (5)(a), on receipt of an identity card under paragraph (1) or (3), the Head of the Unit -

- (a) shall ascertain that the person, whose identity card has been received, is recorded in the civil identity register as being a deceased person; -
- (b) shall perforate the identity card; and
- (c) shall return the perforated identity card to the heirs of the deceased or the person in possession of the identity card of the deceased.

(5) (a) Where the person, whose identity card has been produced under paragraph (1) or (3), is not recorded in the civil identity register, as being a deceased person, the Head of the Unit shall require the heirs of the person or the person in possession of the card of the deceased whose identity card has been produced to provide the death certificate of that person within such period as the Head of the Unit may determine.

(b) Subject to paragraph (c), upon receipt of the death certificate of the person and where the Head of the Unit is satisfied that the person whose identity card has been produced is deceased, the Head of the Unit shall -

- (i) perforate the identity card of the deceased person; and
- (ii) return the perforated identity card to the heirs of the deceased or the person in possession of the card.

(c) Where the Head of the Unit has grounds to believe that the person whose identity card has been produced under paragraph (1) or (3) is still alive, the Head of the Unit shall -

- (i) retain the identity card; and
- (ii) refer the matter to the Police.

(6) No person shall use or produce an identity card that has been perforated.

12. An independent security audit of the MNIC System shall be carried out every 3 years.

13. The National Identity Card Regulations 2013 are revoked.

14. An original identity card issued under the revoked National Identity Card Regulations 2013 shall be deemed to have been issued under these regulations and shall, subject to these regulations, be valid upon its expiry.

15. These regulations shall come into operation on 19 February 2024.

FIRST SCHEDULE

[Regulation 2]

REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

**APPLICATION FORM FOR NEW NATIONAL
IDENTITY CARD**

[Section 4 or 5 of National Identity Card Act]

DETAILS OF APPLICANT

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National Identity Card no.

Surname

First name(s)

Surname at birth

Date of Birth

DD	MM	YYYY
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Gender

M	F
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Marital Status

Single	Married	Divorced	Widow/er
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House no./flat no., building name

Street

Locality

City/town/village

District/outer island

Postcode

Overseas address (if any).....

Collection office.....

*Email Address (if any).....

*Mobile Number (if any).....

*Email Address and Mobile Number are mandatory for application for MauPass account and digital certificate.

Digital certificate

I hereby *wish / do not wish to apply for a digital certificate.

- Delete as appropriate

MauPass Account

I already have a MauPass 1FA account registered on the e-mail address/mobile number specified above and I wish to activate my 2FA

I do not have a MauPass Account, I wish to register for a MauPass 2FA account using my e-mail/mobile number as specified above

✓ Tick as appropriate

Fingerprint captured

Right slap (4 fingers) left slap (4 fingers) Right thumb and left thumb

NOTE - Only 4 best fingerprint minutiae shall be used for identity verification.

DECLARATION OF APPLICANT

I declare that -

- (a) I am a citizen of Mauritius;
- (b) the particulars, information and documents submitted in connection with this application are, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct;
- (c) I have not wilfully concealed any material fact; arid
- (d) I have no objection that my fingerprint minutiae be processed and recorded for the purpose of producing my identity card. I understand that this information will be erased permanently from the register once the identity card has been printed.

I am aware that in case I have produced any false document for the purpose of this application, I am liable to prosecution and any identity card issued to me may be cancelled.

NOTE

The above entries have been shown to me/read over and explained to me in a language that I understand by

*Mr/Mrs/Ms

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Signature/thumbprint

Date

*Delete as appropriate

SECOND SCHEDULE

[Regulation 2]

APPROPRIATE FEES

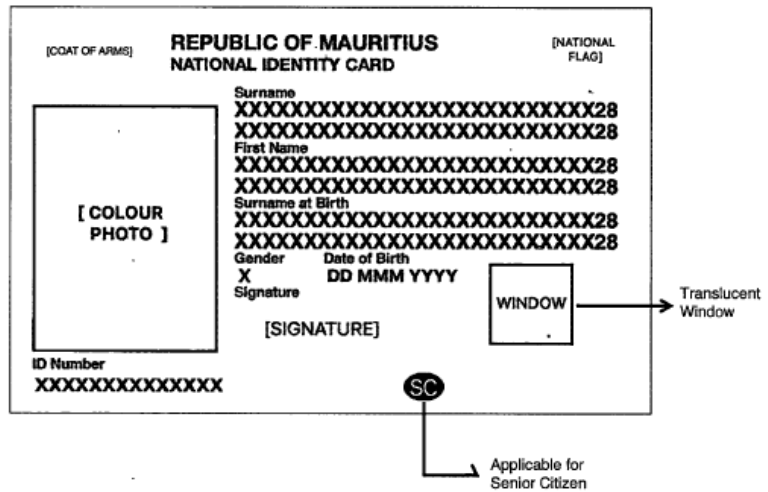
Application for identity card for persons aged 60 and above, or in receipt of invalid's basic pension – any application	200
Application for new identity card in case of lost card -	
(a) first application	350
(b) second application	700
(c) third and subsequent applications	1000
Application for identity card in every other case - any application	
	350

THIRD SCHEDULE

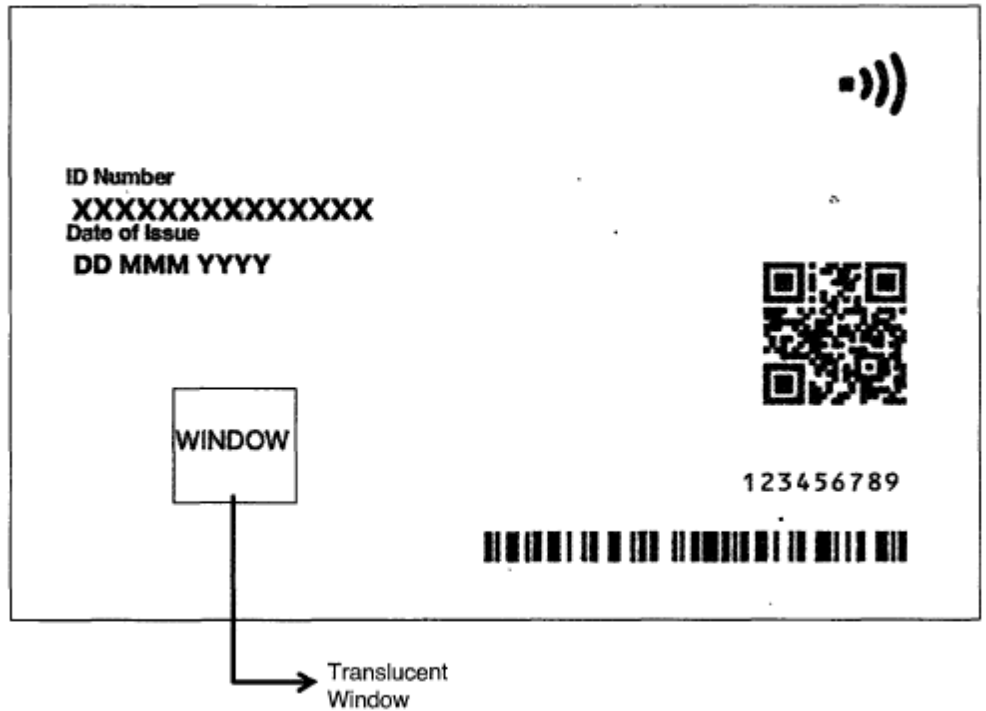
[Regulation 2]

NEW IDENTITY CARD

Front



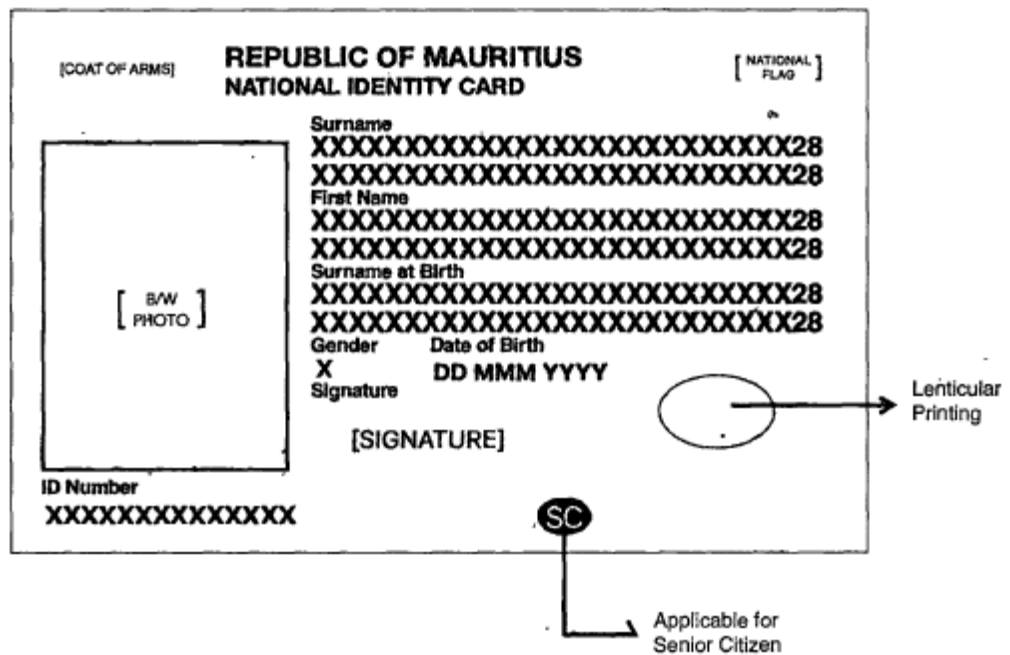
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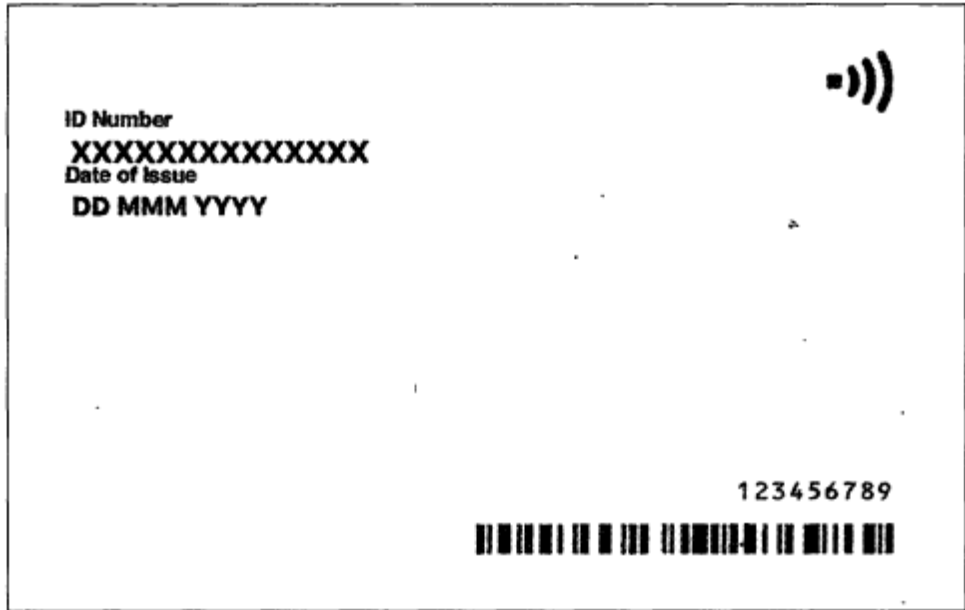
FOURTH SCHEDULE
[Regulation 2]

ORIGINAL IDENTITY CARD

Front



Back



FIFTH SCHEDULE

[Regulation 10]

REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

**NATIONAL IDENTITY CARD ACT NOTIFICATION OF
CHANGE OF RESIDENCE**

(Regulation 10 of National Identity Card Regulations 2024)

NIC no.

Surname

First name(s).....

Old address -

(a) house no./flat no./building name.....

(b) street

(c) locality.....

(d) city/town/village

- (e) district/outer island
- (f) postcode
- (g) overseas address (if any)

New address -**

- (a) house no./flat no./building name.....
- (b) street
- (c) locality.....
- (d) city/town/village
- (e) district/outer island
- (f) postcode
- (g) Overseas address (if any)

DECLARATION OF APPLICANT

I declare, that I am a citizen of Mauritius and that the particulars stated in this notification and the documents submitted with it are all true and correct, and that I have not wilfully concealed any material fact.

I am aware that in case I have produced any false document, I am liable to be prosecuted.

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Signature/thumbprint

Date

***Proof of new address to be produced in original and one photocopy*