

## Ministry of Technology, Communication and Innovation

### Press Communiqué

#### National Identity Card

In reference to the Press Communiqué issued by this Ministry on 28 March 2017, the date limit for the registration for the conversion of the existing paper laminated identity card has been extended up to **30 April 2017**.

The public is informed that section 4 of the National Identity Card Act provides as follows:-

#### **4. Duty to be registered**

**(1) (a) Subject to paragraph (b), every person who is a citizen of Mauritius shall, within 6 months of attaining the age of 18 and on such form as may be prescribed, apply for an identity card at any office designated by the Registrar.**

**(b) Where a person –**

**(i) is not a resident of Mauritius; or**

**(ii) is unable to comply with paragraph (a) on account of serious illness, as certified by a medical practitioner in the public service, or on any other compelling and reasonable ground,**

**he may apply for an identity card in such manner and within such period of attaining the age of 18 as the Registrar may determine.**

**(2) Every person who applies for an identity card shall —**

**(a) produce his birth certificate or his certificate of registration or naturalisation as a citizen of Mauritius, as the case may be;**

**(b) produce such other documents as the Registrar may require;**

**(c) allow his fingerprints, and other biometric information about himself, to be taken and recorded; and**

**(a) allow himself to be photographed,**

**for the purpose of the identity card.**

**(3) Subsection (2)(c) shall not apply to a person who is certified by a medical practitioner in the public service to be unable to provide his biometric information by reason of any permanent infirmity or permanent disability**

The Ministry wishes to draw your attention that failure to comply with section 4 of the National Identity Card Act after the 30 April 2017, shall constitute an offence.

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