

Ministry of Technology, Communication and Innovation

Press Communiqué

National Identity Card

Further to the Press Communiqué dated 17 March 2017, the public is hereby informed that the validity of the paper laminated identity card will be extended to **30 April 2017**.

The Ministry of Technology, Communication and Innovation hereby reassures members of the public that following the judgments of the Supreme Court in the case of Pravind Kumar Jugnauth v The State of Mauritius and Anor and Maharajah Madhewoo v The State of Mauritius and Anor which were delivered on 29 May 2015, all fingerprints which were stored in the register, now known as the Civil Identity Register, were destroyed in September 2015.

The deletion exercise was conducted in the presence of officers from the Government Online Centre, IT Security Unit, Central Informatics Bureau, Ministry of Technology, Communication and Innovation, Police IT Unit, the Data Protection Office and the Chief Usher of the Supreme Court.

Regulations GN 177 and GN 178 of 2015 were also made to permanently remove fingerprints from the register.

The production of the identity cards takes a maximum of seven (7) days and includes the following:

- registration of the applicant;
- printing of identity cards centrally in batches;
- quality control after printing; and
- despatch of cards to the National Identity Card centres.

The permanent deletion of the fingerprint data from the Civil Identity Register is effected as soon as the card is produced.

Strict security measures are in place to restrict access to the data of all applicants on the Civil Identity Register.

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