



# THE NATIONAL DATABASE AND REGISTRATION AUTHORITY ORDINANCE, 2000

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# THE NATIONAL DATABASE AND REGISTRATION AUTHORITY ORDINANCE, 2000

## \*ORDINANCE NO. VIII OF 2000

[10th March, 2000]

*An Ordinance to provide for the establishment of the National Database and Registration Authority so as to facilitate the registration of all persons and the establishment and maintenance of multipurpose databases, data warehouses, networking, interfacing of databases and related facilities*

WHEREAS it is expedient and necessary to provide for the registration of all persons and for the establishment and maintenance of multipurpose databases, data warehouses, networking, interfacing of databases and related facilities and services and matters connected therewith and ancillary thereto;

AND WHEREAS a new, improved and modernized registration and database system is the emergent need of time for its multiple beneficial uses and applications in efficiently and effectively running the affairs of the State and the general public thereby achieving (the goals of good governance, public service and minimizing scope for corruption and inefficiency;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to establish the National Database and Registration Authority be established to achieve the aforesaid objectives;

AND WHEREAS the National Assembly and the Senate stand suspended in pursuance of the Proclamation of Emergency of the fourteenth day of October, 1999, and the Provisional Constitution Order No. 1 of 1999;

AND WHEREAS the President is satisfied that circumstances exist which renders it necessary to take immediate action;

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of the aforesaid Proclamation of the fourteenth day of October 1999, and the Provisional Constitution Order No. 1 of 1999, as well as Order No. 9 of 1999, and in exercise of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:—

### CHAPTER I

#### GENERAL

**1. Short title, extent, and commencement.** —(1) This Ordinance may be called the National Database and Registration Authority Ordinance, 2000.

\*\* (2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.

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\*NADRA shall apply to FATA vide S.R.O. 754 (I)/05 dated 28-6-2005.

\*\*Also extend N.A., vide S.R.O. 26(KE)/02 dated 8-1-2002

(3) It shall come into force at once.

**2.Definition.** In this Ordinance, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

- (a) "Alien Registration Card" means a card issued under section 13;
  - (b) "Authority" means the National Database and Registration Authority established under section 3;
  - (c) "Card" means any card issued or deemed to be issued under this Ordinance;
  - (d) "Chairman" means the Chairman of the Authority;
  - (e) "citizen" means a person who is, or is deemed to be a citizen of Pakistan, under the Pakistan Citizenship Act, 1951; ([II of 1951](#))
  - (f) "emigrant" means a person who is an emigrant under the Emigration Ordinance, 1979; ([XVIII of 1979](#)).
  - (g) "foreigner" means a person who is not a citizen;
  - (h) "member" means a member of the Authority and, where the context so admits, includes the Chairman;
  - (i) "National Data Form" means the National Data Form issued by the Planning Commission of the Federal Government during the National Census held in the year 1998 under the Census Ordinance, 1959; ([X of 1959](#))
  - (j) "National Database Organization" means the National Database Organization established pursuant to the Interior Division's; Notification No.F.10/3/98-CL, (NDO) dated the 15th May, 1998 read with Interior Division's Notification No.10/3/98-C.II(NDO) dated 19th August, 1998;
  - (k) "National Identity Card" means a card issued under sub-section (1) of section 14 and, where the context so admits, includes an identity card issued under the National Registration Act, 1973; ([LVI of 1973](#))
  - (l) "Overseas Identity Card" means a card issued under section 12;
  - (m) "Pakistan Origin Card" means a card issued under section 11;
  - (n) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules;
  - (o) "Registration Officer" means the Director General or a Director or Deputy Director or Assistant Director or District Registrar or Registrar or Inspector, appointed or deemed to have been appointed under section 35 and includes, subject to and for the purposes of section 37, any person to whom the powers of any such officer are delegated or deemed to have been delegated under this Ordinance;
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- (p) "Registration Organization" means both the Registration Organization and the Directorate General of Registration as in rules made under the National Registration, Act, 1973; (LVI of 1973)
- (q) "regulations" means regulations made under of this Ordinance;
- (r) "rules" means rules made under this Ordinance; and
- (s) "thing" or "things" means and includes all animate or inanimate things, plants animals, objects, substances, items, concepts, ideas, laws, customs, qualities, signs, symbols, circumstances, affairs, events, acts, deeds, works, transactions, documents, pieces of movable or immovable property, tangible or intangible property, rights, privileges, duties, entities, living or non-living beings other than a human being and any thing that can be possessed, or owned, or explained, whether known or unknown.

## CHAPTER II

### ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AUTHORITY

**3. Establishment of the authority.** —(1) As soon as may be, but not later than thirty days after the commencement of this Ordinance, the Federal Government shall, by notification in the Official Gazette, establish an Authority to be known as the National Database and Registration Authority for carrying out the purposes of this Ordinance.

(2) The Authority shall be a body corporate, with power to acquire, hold and dispose of property, having perpetual succession and a common seal and shall by that name sue and be sued.

(3) The Authority shall consist of a Chairman, also to be called the Registrar General of Pakistan, and <sup>1</sup>[not less than] five members to be appointed by the Federal Government:

Provided that till such time the Authority is established the Chairman may exercise the powers and perform the functions of the Authority [:]<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>[Provided that further that the Federal Government may, from time to time by notification in the official Gazette, increase or decrease the number of members and prescribed mode of their appointment as it may deem fit].

(4) No person shall be appointed as the Chairman or a member if he has been declared insolvent, or convicted for an offence involving moral turpitude, or declared to be disqualified from employment in, or dismissed from Government Service.

(5) The Chairman and a member shall, unless he resigns or is removed from office earlier as hereinafter provided, hold office for a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-appoint for <sup>1</sup>[a similar term or terms] the Federal Government may determine:

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<sup>1</sup>Ins. Subs. and Added by Act V of 2007, s. 2.