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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 10th November 2016 and assented to by the President on 21st December 2016:—

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**No. 32 of 2016.**

I assent.

TONY TAN KENG YAM,  
*President.*  
21st December 2016.



An Act to amend the National Registration Act (Chapter 201 of the 1992 Revised Edition) and to make related amendments to the Registration of Births and Deaths Act (Chapter 267 of the 1985 Revised Edition).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

**Short title and commencement**

1. This Act is the National Registration (Amendment) Act 2016 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

**Amendment of section 2**

2. Section 2 of the National Registration Act (called in this Act the principal Act) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “Commissioner”, the following definitions:

““document” means anything in which information of any description is recorded, whether in electronic or other form;

“false identity card” means —

(a) a document that is not an identity card but purports to be an identity card; or

(b) an identity card that has been altered by an unauthorised person;”;

(b) by deleting the definition of “registration officer” and substituting the following definitions:

““immigration officer” means an immigration officer appointed under section 3 of the Immigration Act (Cap. 133);

“personal identifier” means a personal identifier in any form (including digital form) that is specified in the Schedule;

“police officer” has the same meaning as in section 2(1) of the Police Force Act (Cap. 235);

“public authority” means a body established or constituted by or under a public Act to perform or discharge a public function;

“register” means the register specified in section 4;

“registration officer”, in relation to any provision of this Act, means —

- (a) the Commissioner;
  - (b) the Deputy Commissioner of National Registration;
  - (c) an Assistant Commissioner of National Registration; or
  - (d) a person appointed as a registration officer under section 3(4) for the purposes of that provision.”; and
- (c) by renumbering the section as subsection (1) of that section, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following subsections:

“(2) Unless the context otherwise requires —

- (a) a reference to the registration of a person under this Act includes a reference to the re-registration of a person under this Act; and
  - (b) a reference to a person who is registered, or required to be registered, under this Act includes a reference to a person who is re-registered, or required to be re-registered, under this Act.
- (3) The Minister may, by order in the *Gazette*, amend the Schedule, except that any other personal identifier so prescribed in the order —
- (a) must be an image, a measurement or a recording of an external part of the human body, or a measurement or a recording of a person’s voice; and
  - (b) must not be an identifier the obtaining of which would involve the taking of an intimate sample from the human body

within the meaning of section 13A of the Registration of Criminals Act (Cap. 268).”.

### **Repeal and re-enactment of section 3 and new section 3A**

3. Section 3 of the principal Act is repealed and the following sections substituted therefor:

#### **“Appointment of officers**

3.—(1) The Minister may, from among public officers, appoint a Commissioner of National Registration, a Deputy Commissioner of National Registration and such number of Assistant Commissioners of National Registration as the Minister considers necessary for the purposes of this Act.

(2) The Commissioner is, subject to the general or special directions of the Minister, responsible for the administration of this Act.

(3) The Deputy Commissioner of National Registration and every Assistant Commissioner of National Registration may, subject to such conditions or restrictions as the Commissioner may impose, perform the functions and exercise the powers of the Commissioner under this Act.

(4) The Commissioner may, subject to subsection (5) and such conditions or restrictions as the Commissioner thinks fit, appoint, by name or office, any of the following persons to be a registration officer for the purposes of this Act or any particular provision of this Act:

- (a) a public officer;
- (b) an employee of a public authority;
- (c) an employee of a prescribed institution.

(5) Under subsection (4), only a public officer may be appointed as a registration officer for the purposes of section 15B, 16, 16B or 16C.

(6) The Commissioner may delegate any of the Commissioner’s functions or powers under this Act (except the power to appoint registration officers or the power to delegate

conferred by this section), either generally or specially and subject to such conditions or restrictions as the Commissioner thinks fit, to a registration officer described in subsection (4)(a) or (b).

(7) Every appointment and every delegation under this section must be in writing, and the instrument of appointment or delegation must be given to the appointee or delegate, as the case may be.

(8) Where an officer specified in subsection (3) or a delegate of the Commissioner under subsection (6), in accordance with that subsection, performs (or is to perform) any function or exercises (or is to exercise) any power of the Commissioner under this Act, any reference to the Commissioner in this Act in respect of that function or power includes that officer or delegate, as the case may be.

### **Public servants and public officers, etc.**

#### **3A. Every registration officer —**

- (a) is deemed to be a public servant for the purposes of the Penal Code (Cap. 224); and
- (b) is, in relation to his administration, collection or enforcement of payment of any fee, charge or composition sum under this Act, deemed to be a public officer for the purposes of the Financial Procedure Act (Cap. 109); and section 20 of that Act applies to him even though he is not or was not in the employment of the Government.”.

### **Amendment of section 4**

**4.** Section 4 of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsections (1) and (2) and substituting the following subsections:

“(1) The Commissioner must cause to be kept and maintained a register of all persons in Singapore who are registered or required to be registered under this Act.