

L.N. 138 of 2024

Registration of Persons (Amendment) Regulation 2024

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 7 of the
Registration of Persons Ordinance (Cap. 177))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 13 December 2024.

2. Registration of Persons Regulations amended

The Registration of Persons Regulations (Cap. 177 sub. leg. A)
are amended as set out in sections 3 to 7.

3. Regulation 4 amended (registration, issue and renewal requirements)

(1) Regulation 4(1), English text—

Repeal

“these regulations shall”

Substitute

“these regulations must”.

(2) Regulation 4(1)(b), English text—

Repeal

“and shall acknowledge”

Substitute

“and must acknowledge”.

(3) Regulation 4(1)(b), after “as may be indicated”—

Add

“, or attaching the person’s electronic signature or digital signature to the form”.

- (4) After regulation 4(4)—

Add

- “(5) In this regulation—

digital signature (數碼簽署) has the meaning given by section 2(1) of the Electronic Transactions Ordinance (Cap. 553);

electronic signature (電子簽署) has the meaning given by section 2(1) of the Electronic Transactions Ordinance (Cap. 553).”.

4. Regulation 4B added

After regulation 4A—

Add

“4B. Submission and processing of application for identity card by automated means

- (1) For the purposes of the Ordinance and these regulations, the Commissioner may specify automated means—
- (a) to receive an application for an identity card;
 - (b) to verify the identity of an applicant to whom this subregulation applies;
 - (c) to demand and collect the appropriate fee (if any) prescribed in Schedule 2 from the applicant at the time when the application is made;
 - (d) to issue a document acknowledging the receipt of the application;

- (e) to cause the identity card to be issued to the applicant;
 - (f) to collect any identity card surrendered by the applicant; and
 - (g) to perform any other function that may be necessary for processing the application by a registration officer.
- (2) Subregulation (1) applies to a person who—
- (a) is approved by the Commissioner to use the automated means for the purposes of the Ordinance and these regulations; and
 - (b) voluntarily submits himself or herself to have the identity verified and application processed by the automated means.
- (3) Unless otherwise specified by the Commissioner, an application for an identity card by automated means is to be regarded as an application for an identity card made in person to a registration officer under the Ordinance and these regulations.
- (4) Despite the fact that a person has submitted an application for an identity card by automated means, a registration officer may—
- (a) decide whether it is appropriate for the application to be further processed by the automated means; and
 - (b) take over the application at any time for further processing.”.

5. Regulation 6 amended (renewal of young person’s identity card)

Regulation 6(2), Chinese text—

Repeal

“永久性居民”。

6. Regulation 15 amended (duty of finder of identity card)

Regulation 15(2), English text—

Repeal

“shall forthwith cause it to be delivered to any registration officer”

Substitute

“must immediately cause it to be delivered to any registration office”.

7. Schedule 2 amended (fees)

Schedule 2—

Repeal

“5, 13, 14 & 26]”

Substitute

“4B, 5, 13, 14 & 26]”.

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Explanatory Note

The main object of this Regulation is to amend the Registration of Persons Regulations (Cap. 177 sub. leg. A) (*principal Regulations*) to enable the submission and processing of applications for identity cards by automated means.

2. The Regulation also makes certain minor textual and technical amendments to the principal Regulations.