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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT, CHAP. 2:01

RULES

MADE BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER SECTION 161(1) OF THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT

THE REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) RULES, 1986

1. (1) These Rules may be cited as the Registration (Amendment) Rules, Citation 1986.

(2) These Rules shall be deemed to have had effect from the 22nd day of July, 1985.

2. The Registration Rules are amended—

(a) by inserting after rule 3 the following—

“Commencement of new register of electors and termination of existing registration

3A. (1) With effect from 30th June, 1987, or such later date as the Commission may fix under subrule (3), in this rule referred to as “the appointed day”, the register of electors for each registration area shall consist of new registration record cards only.

Registration Rules amended

(2) All existing registration record cards and all existing identification cards shall for all purposes be deemed to be invalid from the appointed day; and from that day the registration in respect of persons to whom such cards relate shall be deemed to be void and of no effect.

(3) The Commission, in the event that it proposes to fix a date later than 30th June, 1987 as the appointed day, shall at least thirty days before such day by notice published in the *Gazette* and in at least one daily newspaper circulating in Trinidad and Tobago announce the date of the appointed day; and shall in such notice state that the registration of all persons effected prior to 22nd July, 1985 shall be void and of no effect unless such persons update their registration by furnishing to an Assistant Registration Officer the particulars required in Form No. 10 in the Prescribed Forms Rules.

(4) Nothing in this rule shall be construed as preventing the registration of any person under these Rules after the appointed day.

(5) In this rule—

“existing identification card” means an identification card issued prior to 22nd July, 1985;

“existing registration record card” means a registration record card used to effect a registration prior to 22nd July, 1985;

“new registration” means a registration of a person effected for the first time after 22nd July, 1985;

“new registration record card” means a registration record card in the form set out as Form No. 10 in the Prescribed Forms Rules used on or after 22nd July, 1985 to register a person for the first time or to update the registration of a person registered before that date.”;

(b) in rule 6(1) by deleting paragraph (c);

(c) by deleting rule 7;

(d) in rule 10(1) by deleting the words “an identification card”;

(e) by inserting after rule 10 the following—

“Colours and numbering of series of registration record card

10A. (1) Registration record cards prepared in respect of persons who are citizens of Trinidad and Tobago shall, whether such persons are electors or not, be of the same colour.

(2) Registration record cards prepared in respect of persons who are Commonwealth Citizens other than citizens of Trinidad and Tobago shall, whether such persons are electors or not, be of a different colour from the colour of those described in subrule (1).

(3) Registration record cards prepared in respect of persons other than those referred to in subrule (1) or (2), shall be of a different colour from the colour of those described in subrules (1) and (2).

(4) All registration record cards whether prepared in respect of electors or non-electors shall be numbered in the same series.”;

(f) in rule 11—

(i) by substituting for subrule (1) thereof the following—

“(1) The registration record card of persons whose registration has been updated on or after 22nd July, 1985, or of persons registered for the first time on or after that date shall be in duplicate in the form set out as Form No. 10 in the Prescribed Forms Rules.

(1A) Persons registered for the first time under these Rules on or after the 22nd July, 1985, and persons whose registrations have been updated under these Rules shall be issued with identification cards in the form set out as Form No. 11A in the Prescribed Forms Rules.”;

(ii) by deleting the words “but the original of the former card shall be of a different colour from the original of the latter” occurring in subrule (2);

(iii) by substituting for the words “and shall be numbered in the same series as that issued to a non-elector” occurring in subrule (3) the words “as that referred to in subrule (3) of rule 10A.”;

(iv) by substituting for the word "printed" appearing in line one of subrule (5) the word "recorded", and by deleting the words "but the cards referred to in subrule (1) shall be numbered in a different series from those referred to in subrule (2)";

(v) by deleting subrule (6);

(g) in rule 12 by inserting after the word "information" occurring in line two the words "supported by such documentary evidence as he considers necessary";

(h) by substituting for rule 14 the following—

"Preparation of identification cards

14. (1) Before signing the registration record card of a person who is fifteen years of age or over the Assistant Registration Officer shall, if an identification card has previously been issued to the person, require him to surrender the same.

(2) Where a person described in subrule (1)—

(a) surrenders his identification card, or

(b) gives a satisfactory excuse for his failure to do so, or

(c) has not previously been issued with an identification card,

the Chief Election Officer shall cause the required particulars to be entered on an identification card for that purpose.

(3) The print on an identification card in the Form set out as Form No. 11A in the Prescribed Forms Rules issued—

(a) to a citizen of Trinidad and Tobago, whether an elector or not, shall be in the colour blue;

(b) to a Commonwealth citizen other than a citizen of Trinidad and Tobago, whether an elector or not, shall be in the colour red;

(c) to a person other than those described in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b), shall be in the colour orange.

(4) A facsimile signature of the Chief Election Officer shall be placed on every identification card.

(5) In subrule (4) "Chief Election Officer" includes his predecessors in office.

(6) Subject to rule 15, a person to whom a completed identification card is being delivered shall read it and sign it in the presence of the registration officer, or any other authorised officer if he is satisfied that the contents are correct.";

(i) by adding after rule 14 the following—

“Rule 15
to apply
mutatis
mutandis
to the
delivery of
identification
cards

14A. The provisions of rule 15 which apply to the preparation of registration record cards by Assistant Registration Officers in respect of the registration of persons who are unable to read shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the delivery of completed identification cards to the said class of persons.”;

(j) in rule 15—

- (i) by deleting the words “and of his identification card” occurring in subrule (1);
- (ii) by deleting the words “and of an identification card” occurring in subrule (2);
- (iii) by deleting the words “and on his identification card” occurring in subrule (4);
- (iv) by deleting the words “and the identification card” occurring in subrule (5);

(k) in rule 21 by inserting after the words “Assistant Registration Officer” the words “or any other authorised officer”;

(l) in rule 23, by inserting after the words “subrules (1) and (2)” occurring at the end of subrule (3) the words “or until prints of his photograph have been accepted in accordance with rule 23A”;

(m) by inserting after rule 23 the following—

“Circum-
stances in
which photo-
graphs other
than official
acceptable

23A (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in these Rules, an Assistant Registration Officer or an official photographer may accept from a person who has applied for registration or to have his registration updated or whose identification card is being substituted pursuant to rule 49 two recent prints of his photograph certified by a person designated by the Commission and of a size and type specified by the Commission.

(2) Prints of photographs accepted under subrule (1) shall be submitted to the appropriate Registration Officer as directed by the Commission and on receipt thereof the Registration Officer shall transmit the same to the Commission.”;

(n) in rule 24, by inserting after the words “has been obtained” occurring at the end of subrule (9) the words “or until prints of his photograph have been accepted in accordance with rule 23A”;

(o) in rule 28—

(i) by substituting for subrule (1) the following—

“(1) A Registration Officer shall arrange the originals of the registration record cards in alphabetical order according to family names and addresses.”;

(ii) by deleting subrules (2) and (3);

(p) in rule 31 (3) by inserting immediately after the words “as the case may be” the words “and on the identification card”;

(q) in rule 45, by substituting for subrule (3) thereof the following—
“ (3) If upon receipt of the notice under subrule (1), or of the report of a check card issued under subrule (2), the Registration Officer is satisfied as to the identity of the person and his change of name, he shall cause to be issued to such person a new identification card bearing the new name and shall alter the registration record card of such person accordingly.”;

(r) in rule 47—

- (i) in subrule (1), by substituting for all the words in the last line thereof the words—“shall recommend the issue to the person of a replacement identification card.”;
- (ii) in subrule (3), by substituting for the word “issue” occurring in the first line thereof the words “recommend the issue of”;
- (iii) in subrule (4), by deleting all the words occurring after the words “replacement identification card” in the second line thereof;
- (iv) in subrule (6), by substituting for the words occurring in the first and second lines thereof the following—
“When a Registration Officer recommends the issue of a replacement identification card, he shall request the Chief Election Officer to issue a replacement identification card and the Chief Election Officer may—”;
- (v) by revoking subrule (7) and replacing it by the following—
“ (7) Whenever a Registration Officer recommends the issue of a replacement identification card, he shall make or cause to be made an entry in the space allocated for remarks on the appropriate registration record card showing the date of his recommendation; and shall transmit to the Chief Election Officer, in cases where the original identification card is required by these Rules to be surrendered, the surrendered identification card.”;
- (vi) by inserting after subrule (7) the following—
“ (7A) On acceptance of the recommendation of a Registration Officer under subrule (7), the Chief Election Officer shall issue a replacement identification card and shall cause the requisite entries to be made in duplicate of the relevant registration record card.”;

(s) in rule 55(2) by deleting paragraph (b).

Made this 21st day of November, 1986.

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Secretary to Cabinet.

