

Rhodesia Government Notice 47 of 1977
[as amended at 1st May 2010]¹.

[ACT 36/1976]

National Registration Regulations, 1977

IT is hereby notified that the Minister of Internal Affairs has, in terms of section 12 of the National Registration Act, 1976, made the following regulations:—

Title

1. These regulations may be cited as the National Registration Regulations, 1977.

Interpretation of terms

2. In these regulations—

"applicant" means an applicant for registration;

"citizen" means a citizen of Rhodesia;

"customs officer" means a person who is an officer as defined in section 2 of the Customs and Excise Act [*Chapter 177*];

"form" means the appropriate form set out in the First Schedule;

"immigration officer" means a person who is an immigration officer as defined in section 2 of the Immigration Act [*Chapter 27*];

"indigenous African" means an African who is descended, through the male line, from a member of one of the tribes ordinarily resident in Rhodesia and who was—

- (a) born in Rhodesia; or
- (b) born outside Rhodesia, his father being at the time of birth domiciled in Rhodesia;

“ non-indigenous African" means an African who is not an indigenous African and who-

- (a) was born in Rhodesia; or
- (b) is a citizen of Rhodesia.

Prescribed age

3. The age prescribed for the purposes of paragraph (b) of the definition of "resident" in section 2 of the Act shall be sixteen years.

¹ This document reflects the regulations as amended at 1st May 2010. None of the amendments has updated the regulations to refer to the revised version of the principal Act (1996) or to change references to “Rhodesia” to “Zimbabwe”, etc. The principal Act is now cited as the National Registration Act [*Chapter 10:17*]. Veritas.

Persons not included as residents

4. The following classes of persons are prescribed for the purposes of paragraph (c) of the definition of "resident" in section 2 of the Act—

- (a) persons employed in Rhodesia in the service of the government of a foreign country who are not citizens of Rhodesia; and
- (b) spouses or children of persons referred to in paragraph (a).

Application for registration

5. (1) An application shall be made in form N.R. 1 and shall disclose such particulars as are required by that form.

(2) An applicant may request that any of the following details be recorded and disclosed on his identity document—

- (a) his blood group;
- (b) that he is allergic to morphia, penicillin or serum;
- (c) that he suffers from diabetes, epilepsy, haemophilia or porphyria.

(3) An applicant who makes a request referred to in subsection (2) shall submit with his application a certificate signed by a medical practitioner certifying that the information given in request refers to the applicant:

Provided that—

- (i) a registration officer may accept any other evidence which is acceptable to the Registrar-General as proof that the information given in the request refers to applicant;
- (ii) a request relating to the blood group of the applicant may be accompanied by a certificate from a blood transfusion service recognized by the Registrar-General.

(4)² Any applicant referred to paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 6 of the Act shall apply for registration—

- (a) during the period specified for the purposes of paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of that section in respect of the designated area concerned, at any place specified for the purposes of that paragraph;
- (b) after the expiration of the period referred to in paragraph (a)—
 - (i) in the case of a designated area specified in the Seventh Schedule, at any place specified in the Seventh Schedule opposite the name of the designated area concerned;
 - (ii) in the case of a designated area not specified in the Seventh Schedule, at the office of the district commissioner whose district comprises the designated area.

Notice that person has applied for registration

6. A notice referred to in subsection (1) of section 7 of the Act shall be given in form N.R. 1b.

² Subsection as inserted by RGN 367/1979.

Form of identity document

7. An identity document shall be issued in form N.R. 2.

Classification of residents

8. (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, applicants shall be classified as citizens, non-indigenous African citizens, non-citizen residents or aliens, as the case may be, in accordance with the provisions of the Second Schedule.

(2) An applicant shall not be classified as a non-citizen resident unless—

- (a) he is in possession of a permanent resident permit issued by the Department of Immigration; or
- (b) in the case of a person who is not an African and who alleges that he entered Rhodesia from Nyasaland or Northern Rhodesia during the subsistence of the former Federation, he satisfies the registration officer that he is lawfully resident in Rhodesia.

(3) An applicant shall not be classified as an alien unless he is the holder of a valid travel document and can prove that his entry into Rhodesia was lawful.

Codes

9. In completing an identity document for an applicant, the appropriate codes shall be used as follows—

- (a) to indicate the status of the applicant, in accordance with the provisions of the Second Schedule;
- (b) to indicate medical information relating to the applicant, in accordance with the provisions of the Third Schedule;
- (c) to indicate the district in which the applicant is registered and his district of origin, in accordance with the Fourth Schedule;
- (d) to indicate the personal particulars of the applicant, in accordance with the Fifth Schedule.

Surrender of identity documents

10. (1) On the death of the holder of an identity document—

- (a) it shall be the duty of every person who is required in terms of the Births and Deaths Registration Act [*Chapter 30*] to report the death of the holder to search for his identity document and to forward the identity document to a registration officer or to inform a registration officer that he has been unable to find the identity document;
- (b) any person who comes into possession of his identity document shall forthwith forward it to a registration officer.

(2) If the holder of an identity document intends to leave Rhodesia for a period of more than twelve months, he shall Surrender his identity document to a registration officer or immigration officer at the port of exit from Rhodesia.

(3) A registration officer or immigration officer who receives an identity document in terms of subsection (1) or (2) shall forthwith forward it to the Registrar-General and, if he has received it in terms of subsection (2), shall notify the Registrar-General that the holder of the identity document has left Rhodesia for a period of more than twelve months.

(4) The Registrar-General shall—

- (a) forthwith destroy any identity document forwarded to him which was received by the registration officer in terms of subsection (1);
- (b) retain for a period of two years any identity document forwarded to him which was received by the registration officer or immigration officer in terms of sub-section (2) and shall thereafter destroy such document unless it has been reclaimed by the person to whom it was issued.

Application for duplicate identity document

10A. (1) An application for the issue of a duplicate identity document to replace one which has been lost or mutilated shall be made in writing to a registration officer, and, if waiver of any portion of the appropriate fee is sought in terms of the proviso to subsection (1) of section 13, shall be supported by a statement of the circumstances of the loss or mutilation or the identity document and of the financial position of the applicant.

(2) Where an application in terms of subsection (1) concerns an identity document which has been mutilated, that identity document shall be surrendered to the registration officer.

. Application for correction of error in identity document

10B. A registered person whose identity document contains an error shall—

- (a) apply to the Registrar-General or a registration officer for the correction of the error; and
- (b) produce such documents and provide such information in relation to the error as may be required by the Registrar-General or registration officer, as the case may be; and
- (c) surrender the identity document to the Registrar-General or registration officer, as the case may be, for the issue of a replacement identity document.

Notification of changes in registered particulars

10C. (1) A registered person whose forename or surname appearing on his identity document is subsequently changed, shall within one month after the change, give to the Registrar-General or a registration officer written notification of the change, and shall—

- (a) in the case of a change of name by marriage or notarial deed, produce a copy of the relevant marriage certificate or notarial deed;
- (b) in the case of a change of name other than by a change referred to in paragraph (a), provide such information in relation thereto as may be required by the Registrar-General or registration officer, as the case may be.

(2) Where any change other than a change referred to in subsection (1) occurs in any particulars appearing on an identity document, the holder shall within one month after the change, give to the Registrar-General or a registration officer written notification of the change, and shall produce such documents and provide such information in relation thereto as may be required by the Registrar-General or registration officer, as the case may be.

(3) Where a registered person wishes additional medical information to be included on his identity document, he shall make written application therefore to the Registrar-General or a registration officer, and shall produce such documents and provide such information in relation thereto as may be required by the Registrar-General or registration officer, as the case may be.

(4) When notification is given or application is made in terms of this section, the existing identity document shall be surrendered to the Registrar-General or registration officer, as the case may be, for the issue of a replacement identity document.

Authorized persons

11.(1) The following persons prescribed to be authorized persons for the purposes of subsection (3) of section 8 of the Act—

- (a) the Secretary for Labour and social welfare;
- (b) the Attorney-General;
- (c) the Director of Security Manpower;
- (d) the Chief Immigration Officer;
- (e) all provincial commissioners and district commissioners;
- (f) police officers of or above the rank of inspector and members in charge of police stations;
- (g) officers of the Army who are of or above the rank of major;
- (h) officers of the Air Force who are of or above the rank of squadron leader.

(2) The following persons are prescribed to be authorized persons for the purposes of paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section 10 of the Act—

- (a) the Registrar-General or other persons who are employed in carrying out the provisions of this Act;
- (b) district commissioners, assistant district commissioners and district officers;
- (c) police officers;
- (d) members of the Defence Forces of Rhodesia whilst on duty;
- (e) customs officers whilst on duty;
- (f) immigration officers whilst on duty;
- (g) such classes of employees of a local authority or statutory body as are appointed by the Registrar-General for the purpose of this subsection, whilst on duty.
- (h) district assistants employed in the Ministry of Internal Affairs;³
- (i) inspectors appointed in terms of regulations made under the Foreign Migratory Labour Act [Chapter 245].⁴

Exemptions from carrying identity documents

12. (1) The following registered persons shall be exempt from carrying identity documents on their persons—

- (a) residents who have returned to Rhodesia through a port of entry, for a period of fourteen days after their re-entry into Rhodesia if they are carrying a valid passport or other travel document;

³ Paragraph inserted by RGN 341/1977.

⁴ Paragraph inserted by RGN 341/1977.

- (b) residents who are lawfully resident in Tribal Trust Land whilst they are in the area of the kraal in which they reside;
- (c) residents employed on a farm or mine, whilst they are on the farm or mining location concerned;
- (d) residents who own or lease a farm or mine, whilst they are on the farm or mine concerned;
- (e) residents in employment who reside on their employer's property, whilst they are on such property;
- (f) residents serving in the Police Force or Defence Forces of Rhodesia, whilst they are in uniform.;
- (g) residents employed in a uniformed branch of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, whilst they are in uniform.⁵

(2) The provisions of subsection (1) shall not apply to residents referred to in paragraph (b), (c), (d) or (e) of that sub-section whilst they are in a district specified in the Sixth Schedule.

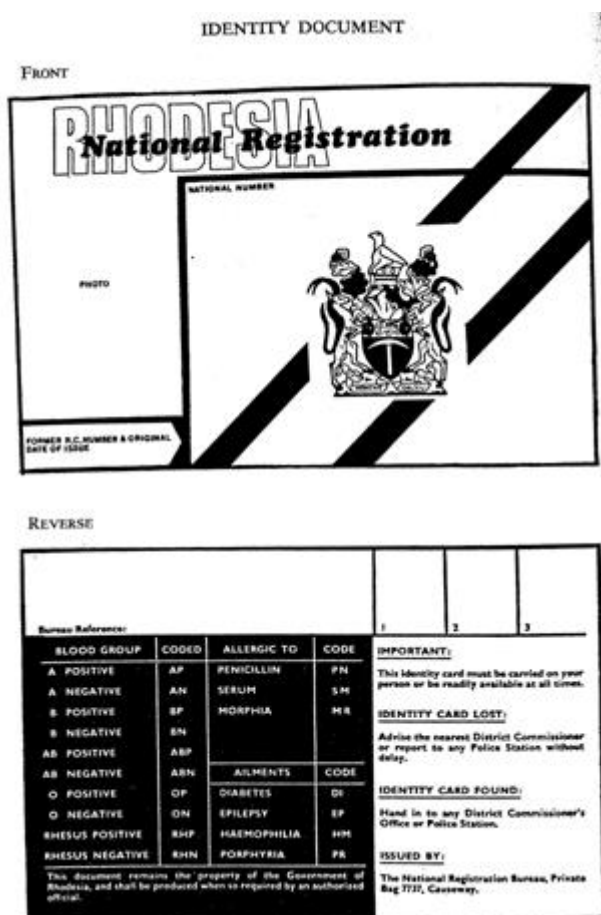
Fees

13. [See *Eight Schedule*.]

FIRST SCHEDULE
FORMS

Form N.R. 1	Application for Registration [Omitted]
Form N.R. 1b	Notice that Person has Applied for Registration [Omitted]
Form N.R. 2	Identity Document [See overleaf]

⁵ Paragraph inserted by RGN 341/1977.



SECOND SCHEDULE (Sections 8 and 9)

CLASSIFICATION OF RESIDENTS AND CODES

Code abbreviation	Classification	Applicable qualifications
1. CIT	Citizen	(1) A person who— (a) is not an African; and (b) is a citizen by birth, descent or registration. (2) An indigenous African who was born in Rhodesia. (3) An African— (a) who was born outside Rhodesia; and (b) whose father, or in the case of an illegitimate person, mother, was an indigenous African; and (c) whose birth was registered in terms of section 15 of the Births and Deaths Registration Act [Chapter 30] or the corresponding provision of any earlier enactment as an external birth.
2. CN	Non-Indigenous African Citizen	(1) An African— (a) who was born in Rhodesia prior to the 12th January, 1973; and (b) whose father, or in the case of an illegitimate person, mother, was not an indigenous African; and (c) whose birth was registered in terms of the Births and Deaths Registration Act [Chapter 30] or any earlier enactment relating to the registration of births and deaths in Rhodesia; and (d) who was issued with a birth certificate by the State.

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<i>Code abbreviation</i>	<i>Classification</i>	<i>Applicable qualifications</i>
		(2) A non-indigenous African who- (a) has severed all his connexions with any other country; and (b) is permanently domiciled in Rhodesia; and (c) is the holder of a “non-indigenous” registration certificate issued in terms of the Africans (Registration and Identification) Act [<i>Chapter 241</i>].⁶ (3) An African who is a citizen by registration.
3. NCR	Non-Citizen Resident	A person who- (a) is not a citizen; and (b) is the holder of- (i) a current permanent residence permit issued or deemed to have been issued in terms of the Immigration Act [<i>Chapter 27</i>]; or (ii) a “foreigner’s” registration certificate issued in terms of the Africans (Registration and Identification) Act [<i>Chapter 241</i>]
4. ALIEN	Alien	(1) A person- (a) who was born in Rhodesia on or after the 12th January 1973; and (b) whose father or in the case of an illegitimate person mother was at the time of his birth neither a citizen nor ordinarily resident in Rhodesia. (2) A person who does not fall within any classification in item 1, 2 or 3 above.

THIRD SCHEDULE (SECTION 9)

CODES FOR MEDICAL INFORMATION

I Blood Groups

AP	A positive
AN	A Negative
BP	B Positive
BN	B Negative
ABP	AB Positive
ABN	AB Negative
OP	O Positive
ON	O Negative
RHP	Rhesus Positive
RHN	Rhesus Negative

II Allergies

PN	Allergic to penicillin
SM	Allergic to Serum
MR	Allergic to Morphia

III Chronic Ailments

DI	Diabetes
EP	Epilepsy
HM	Haemophilia
PR	Porphyria

⁶ Paragraph (c) as substituted by SI 341/1977

FOURTH SCHEDULE⁷
CODES FOR DISTRICTS

<i>District</i>	<i>Code</i>
<i>Bulawayo Province</i>	
Bulawayo	08
<i>Harare Province</i>	
Harare	63
<i>Manicaland Province</i>	
Buhera	07
Chimanimani	44
Chipinge	13
Makoni	42
Mutare	75
Mutasa	50
Nyanga	34
<i>Mashonaland Central Province</i>	
Bindura	05
Guruve	71
Mazowe	15
Mt Darwin	45
Muzarabani	11
Rushinga	61
Shamva	68
<i>Mashonaland East Province</i>	
Chikomba	18
Goromonzi	25
Hwedza	80
Marondera	43
Mudzi	49
Murehwa	47
Mutoko	48
Seke	59
U.M.P. (Uzumba, Maramba, Pfungwe)	85
<i>Mashonaland West Province</i>	
Chegutu	32
Hurungwe	38

⁷ Schedule as substituted by SI 331/1993.

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<i>District</i>	<i>Code</i>
Kadoma	24
Kariba	37
Makonde	70
Zvimba	86
<i>Masvingo Province</i>	
Bikita	04
Chiredzi	14
Chivi	13
Gutu	27
Masvingo	22
Mwenezi	54
Zaka	83
<i>Matabeleland North Province</i>	
Binga	06
Bubi	35
Hwange	79
Lupane	41
Nkayi	53
Tsholotsho	73
Umguza	84
<i>Matabeleland South</i>	
Beitbridge	02
Bulilimangwe	56
Gwanda	28
Insiza	21
Matobo	39
Umzingwane	19
<i>Midlands Province</i>	
Chirumanzu	77
Gokwe North	26
Gokwe South`	23
Gweru	29
Kwekwe	58
Mberengwa	03
Shurugwi	66
Zvishavane	67

FIFTH SCHEDULE

CODES FOR PERSONAL PARTICULARS

I Eye Colour

1. Dark Brown
2. Medium Brown
3. Light Brown
4. Hazel
5. Green
6. Blue/Green
7. Blue
8. Blue/Grey
9. Grey

II Hair Colour

1. Black
2. Dark Brown
3. Medium Brown
4. Light Brown
5. Fair
6. Auburn
7. Red
8. Grey
9. White
10. Bald

III Complexion

1. Dark Brown
2. Medium Brown
3. Dusky Brown
4. Light Brown
5. Olive
6. Ruddy
7. Rose
8. Peach
9. Pale

SIXTH SCHEDULE {Section 9}

**DISTRICTS IN WHICH RESIDENTS NOT EXEMPT FROM
CARRYING IDENTITY DOCUMENTS**

1. In Manicaland Province-
 - (a) Chipinga
 - (b) Inyanga
 - (c) Makoni
 - (d) Melssetter
 - (e) Mutasa
 - (f) Umtali
2. In Mashonaland East Province-
 - (a) Goromonzi
 - (b) Mrewa
 - (c) Mtoko
 - (d) Mudzi
3. In Mashonaland Central Province--
 - (a) Bindura
 - (b) Centenary
 - (c) Darwin
 - (d) Mazoe '
 - (e) Rushinga
 - (f) Shamva
 - (g) Sipolilo

4. In Matabeleland North Province-
- (a) Binga
 - (b) Wankie

SEVENTH SCHEDULE (*Section 5(4)*)
PLACES AT WHICH APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION
TO BE MADE BY PERSON REFERRED TO IN
SECTION 6(1)(b) OF ACT

<i>Designated area</i>	<i>Place</i>
Umtali district	1. Manica Chambers, Main Street, Umtali. 2. District Commissioner's Office, Umtali.
Bulawayo	The National Registration Identity Card Centre 101B Wilson Street Bulawayo The former Barbourfields Police Station Corner Vera Road and Hospital Road Barbourfields Township Bulawayo District Commissioner's Office Drill Hall Grounds Bulawayo
Gwelo	The former Fuel-rationing Office 73 Main Street Gwelo
Salisbury	Ground-floor Shop Hardwicke House Jameson Avenue Central Salisbury Ground-floor Shop Africa House Stanley Avenue Salisbury Shops 9 and 10 Mugaba Shopping Centre Cameron Street Extension Salisbury

EIGHTH SCHEDULE (*Section 13*)⁸

FEES

	<i>Fee (US\$)</i>
1. For searching records relating to any one year for any document, entry or other record	.
2. For fingerprint clearance	1,00
3. For urgent fingerprint clearance	5,00
4. For making a photocopy of any document, for each page	0,10
5. For each—	
(a) initial registration of persons—	
(i) who are between 16 and 18 years of age	Free
(ii) who are above the age of 18	2,00

⁸ Schedule as substituted by SI 140/2010 with effect from 14th August 2010.

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(b) replacement of lost or torn document issued in terms of section 7(1) of the Act (green/pink copy)	2,00
(c) urgent replacement of document referred to in (b) above	3,00
(d) replacement of lost or defaced metal or synthetic polythene identity document—	
for resident	10,00
for non-resident	15,00
(e) urgent replacement of lost or defaced metal or synthetic polythene identity document—	
for resident	20,00
for non-resident	30,00
(f) application for synthetic/polythene identity document whilst still in possession of metal identity document—	
for resident	50,00
for non-resident	100,00
(g) correction of error due to an applicant in a green/pink copy of a document referred to in (b) above	10,00
(h) correction of error due to an applicant in a metal or synthetic/polythene identity document	25,00
(i) correction of error due to the Department	Free
(j) change of name in document referred to in (b) or (d) above after marriage	Free
(k) change of name in document referred to in (b) or (d) above other than after marriage	25,00
(l) alteration of information in document referred to in (b) or (d) other than after marriage	25,00
(m) change of Citizenship status	40,00
(n) change of name by notarial deed	100,00