

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF

APPLICATION FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS

(PERSONS BORN IN 1958 TO 1963) ORDER

INTRODUCTION

The Application for New Identity Cards (Persons Born in 1958 to 1963) Order (“the New Order”), made under section 7B(1) of the Registration of Persons (ROP) Ordinance, Cap.177, aims to direct persons born in 1958 to 1963 to apply for new identity (ID) cards within specified periods at smart identity card centres during the second cycle of the replacement exercise. A copy of the new Order is at [Annex](#).

BACKGROUND

2. On 13 May 2003, the Secretary for Security made the Registration of Persons (Application for New Identity Cards) Order (Cap. 177 sub.leg. E) (“the ROP Order”) under section 7B(1) of the ROP Ordinance, Cap. 177. Under the ROP Order, certain categories of persons including holders of valid ID cards born in 1964 to 1969 are directed to apply for ID cards at any of the nine smart identity card centres within specified periods during the first cycle of the territory-wide ID card replacement exercise. The first cycle will end on 13 March 2004.

3. To prepare for the next cycle of the exercise, the Secretary for Security made the new Order under section 7B(1) of the ROP Ordinance, Cap.177. The new Order further directs Hong Kong residents born in 1958 to 1963 to apply for new ID cards within specified periods during the second cycle which will commence on 15 March 2004 and end on 25 September 2004. For those residents who are not in Hong Kong during the specified periods, they can apply for their ID cards within 30 days of their return to Hong Kong.

THE NEW ORDER

4. **Section 1** of the new Order provides for its commencement date. **Section 2** amends Schedule 2 of the ROP Order by adding details of application periods for holders of valid ID cards born in 1958 to 1963.

LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE

5. The legislative timetable is -

Publication in the Gazette	12 December 2003
Commencement of the Legal Notice	5 February 2004

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

6. The public and Members of the Legislative Council have been informed of the launch of the territory-wide ID card replacement exercise since 18 August 2003. Details of the replacement exercise can be found in the Legislative Council Brief on the ROP Order introduced to the Legislative Council on 21 May 2003.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSAL

7. The new Order is in conformity with the Basic Law, including the provisions concerning human rights.

8. The new Order will not affect the current binding effect of the ROP Ordinance (Cap. 177) and the ROP Regulations (Cap. 177, sub. leg.) made thereunder.

PUBLICITY

9. Information on the exercise will continue to be disseminated through posters, leaflets, short videos, press advertisements, Announcement of Public Interest on radio and television, and the Immigration Department's homepage. The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices overseas and in Guangzhou and the Beijing Office will disseminate the above information to Hong Kong residents living outside Hong Kong.

ENQUIRY

10. For enquiry, please contact Mr. Alan K M Chu, Principal Assistant Secretary for Security at 2810 2506 or Mr. TSOI Hon-kuen, Assistant Director of Immigration at 2829 3839.

Security Bureau
12 December 2003

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(PERSONS BORN IN 1958 TO 1963) ORDER**

(Made under section 7B(1) of the Registration
of Persons Ordinance (Cap. 177))

1. Commencement

This Order shall come into operation on 5 February 2004.

2. Schedule 2 amended

Schedule 2 to the Registration of Persons (Application for New Identity Cards) Order (Cap. 177 sub. leg. E) is amended by adding –

“1958 or 1959	From 26 July 2004 to 25 September 2004
1960 or 1961	From 24 May 2004 to 24 July 2004
1962 or 1963	From 15 March 2004 to 22 May 2004”

before –

“1964 or 1965	From 12 January 2004 to 13 March 2004”.
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Mr Ambrose LEE
Secretary for Security

4 December 2003

Explanatory Note

This Order amends Schedule 2 to the Registration of Persons (Application for New Identity Cards) Order (Cap. 177 sub. leg. E). By virtue of the amendment and operation of section 3(3) of that Order, holders of valid identity cards born in the specified years shall apply for new identity cards with embodied chips in the specified periods. Failure to do so without reasonable excuse is a contravention of section 7B(1) of the Registration of Persons Ordinance (Cap. 177).