

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF

APPLICATION FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS (PERSONS BORN IN 1974 TO 1985) ORDER

INTRODUCTION

The Application for New Identity Cards (Persons Born in 1974 to 1985) Order (“the new Order”), made under section 7B(1) of the Registration of Persons (ROP) Ordinance, Cap.177, aims to direct persons born in 1974 to 1985 to apply for new identity (ID) cards within specified periods at smart identity card centres during the fifth cycle of the replacement exercise. A copy of the new Order is at [Annex A](#).

BACKGROUND

2. Under section 7B(1) of the ROP Ordinance, Cap.177, the Secretary for Security had made the Registration of Persons (Application for New Identity Cards) Order (Cap. 177 sub. leg. E) (“the ROP Order”) and subsequent orders to provide for arrangements for the first four cycles and special phases of the new identity card replacement exercise covering, among others, persons born in 1943 to 1973. (The relevant Orders are listed at [Annex B](#).)

3. To prepare for the fifth cycle of the exercise, the Secretary for Security has made the new Order to direct Hong Kong residents born in 1974 to 1985 who holds a valid identity card to be replaced to apply for new ID cards within specified periods during the fifth cycle, which will commence on 14 November 2005 and end on 8 July 2006. 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 to the ROP Order

by adding details of application periods for holders of valid ID cards to be replaced born in 1974 to 1985.

LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE

5. The legislative timetable will be -

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| Publication in the Gazette | 3 June 2005 |
| Commencement of the Legal Notice | 13 October 2005 |

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

6. The public and Members of the Legislative Council were informed of the launch of the replacement exercise and its progress since mid-2003 through progress reports and Legislative Council Briefs.

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. A) made thereunder.

PUBLICITY

9. Information on the replacement exercise will continue to be disseminated through posters, leaflets, short videos, press advertisements, Announcement of Public Interest on radio and television and the telephone enquiry system and homepages of the Immigration Department. 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 KM Chu, Principal Assistant Secretary for Security at 2810 2506 or Mr. TSOI Hon-kuen, Assistant Director of Immigration at 2829 3839.

Security Bureau

3 June 2005

**APPLICATION FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS
(PERSONS BORN IN 1974 TO 1985) ORDER**

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

1. Commencement

This Order shall come into operation on 13 October 2005.

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 –

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| “1974 or 1975 | From 14 November 2005 to 24 December 2005 |
| 1976 or 1977 | From 28 December 2005 to 11 February 2006 |
| 1978 or 1979 | From 13 February 2006 to 25 March 2006 |
| 1980, 1981 or 1982 | From 27 March 2006 to 27 May 2006 |
| 1983, 1984 or 1985 | From 29 May 2006 to 8 July 2006” |

after –

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| “1972 or 1973 | From 26 September 2005 to 12 November 2005”. |
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Secretary for Security

1 June 2005

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 who are 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).

**Arrangements for the First Four Cycles
of the Identity Card Replacement Exercise**

1. The Registration of Persons (Application for New Identity Cards) Order made by the Secretary for Security on 13 May 2003
2. The Application for New Identity Cards (Persons born in 1958 to 1963) Order made by the Secretary for Security on 4 December 2003
3. The Application for New Identity Cards (Persons born in 1952 to 1957 and Cross-boundary Drivers) Order made by the Secretary for Security on 3 May 2004
4. The Application for New Identity Cards (Persons born in 1943 to 1951 or 1970 to 1973) Order made by the Secretary for Security on 6 December 2004
5. The Registration of Persons (Application for New Identity Cards) (Amendment) Order 2004 made by the Secretary for Security on 6 December 2004