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Registration of Persons (Application for New Identity Cards) Order 2018 (Amendment) Order 2020

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

1. Commencement

This Order comes into operation on 11 May 2020.

2. Registration of Persons (Application for New Identity Cards) Order 2018 amended

The Registration of Persons (Application for New Identity Cards) Order 2018 (Cap. 177 sub. leg. J) is amended as set out in sections 3 to 9.

3. Section 2 amended (interpretation)

Section 2—

Add in alphabetical order

“*specified period* (指明限期) means a period specified in column 2 of Schedule 2;

substituted period (替代限期) means a period specified in column 3 of Schedule 2;”.

4. Section 4 amended (holders of target identity cards to apply for new identity cards)

Section 4—

Repeal

everything after “within”

Substitute

“the specified period, or (if the circumstance mentioned in section 8 arises) the substituted period, opposite that year.”.

5. Section 5 amended (applications by certain public officers)

Section 5(3)—

Repeal

everything after “District Council”

Substitute

“—

- (a) specified period includes the period from 18 February 2020 to 27 July 2020; or
- (b) if the circumstance mentioned in section 8 arises—substituted period includes the period from 18 February 2020 to 22 September 2020.”.

6. Section 6 amended (applications by accompanied elderly persons and qualified persons with a disability)

Section 6(1)(a)(i)—

Repeal

“in column 2 of Schedule 2”

Substitute

“, or (if the circumstance mentioned in section 8 arises) the substituted period,”.

7. Section 7 amended (applications by residents of residential care homes)

Section 7(1)(b) and (2)(b)—

Section 8

Repeal

“specified period”

Substitute

“specified period or (if the circumstance mentioned in section 8 arises) substituted period”.

8. Section 8 added

After section 7—

Add

“8. Circumstance for substituting application periods

(1) For the purposes of sections 4, 5(3)(b), 6(1)(a)(i) and 7(1)(b) and (2)(b), the circumstance is that, during the relevant period, none of the replacement centres is in service for public health reasons for 21 working days or more.

(2) In this section—

relevant period (有關期間) means the period from 11 May 2020 to 27 July 2020;

working day (工作日) means a day that is not a public holiday.”.

9. Schedule 2 substituted

Schedule 2—

Repeal the Schedule

Substitute

“Schedule 2

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Years of Birth, Specified Periods and Substituted Periods

Column 1 Year of birth	Column 2 Specified period	Column 3 Substituted period
1955 or 1956	From 24 September 2019 to 15 November 2019	Not applicable
1957, 1958 or 1959	From 16 November 2019 to 27 July 2020	From 16 November 2019 to 22 September 2020
1960 or 1961	From 18 February 2020 to 27 July 2020	From 18 February 2020 to 22 September 2020
1962 or 1963	From 28 July 2020 to 22 September 2020	From 23 September 2020 to 21 November 2020
1964 or 1965	From 27 July 2019 to 23 September 2019	Not applicable
1966 or 1967	From 3 June 2019 to 26 July 2019	Not applicable

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Column 1 Year of birth	Column 2 Specified period	Column 3 Substituted period
1968 or 1969	From 1 April 2019 to 1 June 2019	Not applicable
1970, 1971 or 1972	From 23 September 2020 to 7 December 2020	From 23 November 2020 to 5 February 2021
1973 or 1974	From 8 December 2020 to 28 January 2021	From 6 February 2021 to 30 March 2021
1975 or 1976	From 29 January 2021 to 19 March 2021	From 31 March 2021 to 22 May 2021
1985 or 1986	From 21 January 2019 to 30 March 2019	Not applicable”.

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Secretary for Security

5 May 2020

Explanatory Note

The replacement of Hong Kong identity cards under the Territory-wide Identity Card Replacement Exercise has been interrupted due to the suspension of service of smart identity card replacement centres to contain the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). This Order amends the following provisions of the Registration of Persons (Application for New Identity Cards) Order 2018 (Cap. 177 sub. leg. J) (*principal Order*) to provide for new application periods in relation to the relevant groups of people, and for substituted application periods if a certain circumstance arises—

- (a) section 4 and Schedule 2—in relation to holders of target identity cards that show 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975 or 1976 as the year of birth;
 - (b) section 5—in relation to certain members of District Councils;
 - (c) section 6—in relation to elderly persons or qualified persons with a disability, who apply for the new identity cards concurrently with their accompanying persons; and
 - (d) section 7—in relation to residents of residential care homes.
2. The Order adds a new section 8 to the principal Order to provide for the circumstance under which the substituted application periods may apply, namely, none of the replacement centres is in service for public health reasons for 21 working days or more during the period from 11 May 2020 to 27 July 2020.