

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF**

**REGISTRATION OF PERSONS  
(APPLICATION FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS) ORDER 2018  
(AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) ORDER 2021**

**INTRODUCTION**

To ensure that the Territory-wide Identity Card Replacement Exercise (“Replacement Exercise”) will continue to be conducted in an orderly manner, the Secretary for Security (“the Secretary”) made the Registration of Persons (Application for New Identity Cards) Order 2018 (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2021 (“the Amendment Order”), pursuant to section 7B(1) of the Registration of Persons Ordinance (Cap. 177) (“the Ordinance”), to direct holders of target Hong Kong identity cards<sup>1</sup> (“HKICs”) born in 1977 to 1984, and those in 1987 to 1988 to apply for new HKICs within the specified periods at the Smart Identity Card Replacement Centres during the fourth cycle of the Replacement Exercise. The Amendment Order is at [Annex](#).

**BACKGROUND**

2. In February 2021, the Secretary made the Registration of Persons (Application for New Identity Cards) Order 2018 (Amendment) Order 2021, pursuant to section 7B(1) of the Ordinance, to –

- (a) extend the specified period for holders of target HKICs born in 1962 to 1963 to apply for new HKICs to 20 February 2021; and
- (b) direct holders of target HKICs born in 1973 to 1976, and those born in 2005 to 2007 and 2012 to 2018 to apply for new HKICs within the following specified periods –

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<sup>1</sup> Target HKICs are valid HKICs prepared under regulation 5(1)(a) of the Registration of Persons Regulations (Cap. 177A) and issued before 26 November 2018 (or issued on or after that date as a result of an application made before that date).

<b>Year of birth</b>	<b>Specified period</b>
1973 to 1976	From 22 February 2021 to 9 July 2021
2005 to 2007 and 2012 to 2018	From 3 May 2021 to 18 September 2021

3. To roll out the fourth cycle of the Replacement Exercise, the Secretary made the Amendment Order, pursuant to section 7B(1) of the Ordinance, to direct holders of target HKICs born in 1977 to 1984, and those in 1987 to 1988 to apply for new HKICs within the following specified periods –

<b>Year of birth</b>	<b>Specified period</b>
1977 to 1979	From 20 September 2021 to 18 November 2021
1980 to 1982	From 19 November 2021 to 18 January 2022
1983 to 1984 and 1987 to 1988	From 19 January 2022 to 2 April 2022

4. Moreover, the Immigration Department has set up a new Registration of Persons Office in Tuen Mun (“the Tuen Mun Office”) providing services relating to registration of HKICs. The Tuen Mun Office has commenced operation on 1 March 2021. To this end, we need to amend Part 2 of the Schedule 1 of the Registration of Persons (Application for New Identity Cards) Order 2018 to add the details of the Tuen Mun Office.

## **THE AMENDMENT ORDER**

5. The Amendment Order aims at implementing the replacement arrangement and corresponding amendments as set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 above.

## **LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE**

6. The legislative timetable will be –
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| Publication in the Gazette                              | 16 July 2021      |
| Tabling at the Legislative Council for negative vetting | 21 July 2021      |
| Commencement of the Amendment Order                     | 20 September 2021 |

## **IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSAL**

7. The Amendment Order is in conformity with the Basic Law, including the provisions concerning human rights and does not affect the current binding effect of the Ordinance and the Registration of Persons Regulations (Cap. 177A).

## **PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

8. On 5 December 2017, the Panel on Security was briefed on the new form of HKIC and the framework of the Replacement Exercise. Members raised no objection to the framework of the Replacement Exercise. The public and LegCo members have been informed of the arrangement of the Replacement Exercise as set out in the Legislative Council Briefs on the Registration of Persons (Application for New Identity Cards) Order 2018 tabled at the LegCo on 24 October 2018, and relevant amendment orders made subsequently.

## **PUBLICITY**

9. ImmD will issue a press release on the abovementioned arrangement of the Replacement Exercise and continue to put up publicity through various channels.

## **ENQUIRY**

10. Any enquiry on this brief can be addressed to Mr Parson CW LAM, Principal Assistant Secretary for Security at 2810 2506, or Mr FAN Hiu Sing, Assistant Director of Immigration at 2829 3838.

**Security Bureau**  
**July 2021**

Section 1 1

Section 4 2


**Registration of Persons (Application for New Identity Cards) Order 2018 (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2021**

(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 20 September 2021.
- 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 and 4.
- 3. Schedule 1 amended (replacement centres and registration of persons offices)**  
Schedule 1, Part 2—  
**Add**  
“6. Tuen Mun Office                    3/F, Tuen Mun Siu Lun Government Complex, 19 Siu Lun Street, Tuen Mun”.
- 4. Schedule 2 amended (years of birth and specified periods)**  
(1) Schedule 2, after the following—  
“1973, 1974, 1975 or                    From 22 February 2021 to 9 July 1976    2021”  
**Add**

- “1977, 1978 or 1979                    From 20 September 2021 to 18 November 2021
- 1980, 1981 or 1982                    From 19 November 2021 to 18 January 2022
- 1983 or 1984                            From 19 January 2022 to 2 April 2022”.
- (2) Schedule 2, after the following—  
“1985 or 1986                            From 21 January 2019 to 30 March 2019”
- Add**  
“1987 or 1988                            From 19 January 2022 to 2 April 2022”.

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Secretary for Security

### Explanatory Note

This Order—

- (a) amends Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the Registration of Persons (Application for New Identity Cards) Order 2018 (Cap. 177 sub. leg. J) (*principal Order*) to specify 3/F, Tuen Mun Siu Lun Government Complex, 19 Siu Lun Street, Tuen Mun as a registration of persons office for the purposes of section 7 of the principal Order; and
- (b) amends Schedule 2 to the principal Order to specify the periods within which holders of target identity cards that show 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1987 or 1988 as the year of birth must apply for new identity cards.