

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF**

**REGISTRATION OF PERSONS**  
**(APPLICATION FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS) ORDER 2018**  
**(AMENDMENT) ORDER 2022**

**INTRODUCTION**

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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) Order 2022 (“the Amendment Order”) (at Annex), pursuant to section 7B(1) of the Registration of Persons Ordinance (Cap. 177) (“the Ordinance”), to provide for the arrangement of the fifth cycle of the Replacement Exercise.

**BACKGROUND**

2. Pursuant to section 7B(1) of the Ordinance, the Secretary made the Registration of Persons (Application for New Identity Cards) Order 2018 (Cap. 177J) in October 2018 to provide for the arrangement of the first cycle of the Replacement Exercise. The Replacement Exercise has commenced on 27 December 2018. The Secretary has made amendment orders from time to time to provide for the arrangement of subsequent cycles of the Replacement Exercise.

3. The last amendment order was made by the Secretary in July 2021 to provide for the arrangement of the fourth cycle of the Replacement Exercise. These include, inter alia, directing holders of target Hong Kong identity cards (“HKICs”)<sup>1</sup> born in 1977 to 1984, and those in 1987 to 1988 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>
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

## **ARRANGEMENT OF THE FIFTH CYCLE**

4. To roll out the fifth cycle of the Replacement Exercise, the Secretary made the Amendment Order to direct holders of target HKICs born in 1989 to 2000, and those in 1954 or any year before to apply for new HKICs within the following specified periods —

<b>Year of birth</b>	<b>Specified period</b>
1989 to 1991	From 4 April 2022 to 10 June 2022
1992 to 1995	From 11 June 2022 to 7 September 2022
1996 to 2000	From 8 September 2022 to 10 December 2022
1954 or before	From 4 April 2022 to 14 January 2023

5. Moreover, same as the arrangement for the members of the sixth-term Legislative Council (“LegCo”)<sup>2</sup>, the Amendment Order will provide eligible members of the seventh-term LegCo<sup>3</sup> with an option to apply for new HKICs from 4 April to 10 June 2022, in addition to replacing their HKICs in the period specified for their age groups.

<sup>2</sup> Members of the sixth-term LegCo was provided with an option to apply for new HKICs from 27 December 2018 to 30 March 2019, in addition to replacing their HKICs in the period specified for their age groups.

<sup>3</sup> The arrangement will apply to the seventh-term LegCo members whose HKICs show a year of birth of 1992 to 2000. The other seventh-term LegCo members have already been called up for replacement of HKIC in previous cycles or will be called up for replacement of HKIC from 4 April 2022, overlapping with the additional specified period for members of the seventh-term LegCo.

## **THE AMENDMENT ORDER**

6. The Amendment Order aims at implementing the arrangement as set out in paragraphs 4 and 5 above.

## **LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE**

7. The legislative timetable will be –

Publication in the Gazette	14 January 2022
Tabling at the LegCo for negative vetting	19 January 2022
Commencement of the Amendment Order	4 April 2022

## **IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSAL**

8. 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**

9. 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 LegCo 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**

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

## **ENQUIRY**

11. Any enquiry on this brief can be addressed to Ms Joey LEE, Principal Assistant Secretary for Security at 2810 2506, or Mr FAN Hiu Sing, Assistant Director of Immigration at 2829 3838.

**Security Bureau**  
**January 2022**

Registration of Persons (Application for New Identity Cards) Order 2018  
(Amendment) Order 2022

Section 1

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**Registration of Persons (Application for New Identity Cards) Order 2018 (Amendment) Order 2022**

(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 4 April 2022.

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

After section 5(4)—

**Add**

- “(5) For the purposes of section 4, specified period includes the period from 4 April 2022 to 10 June 2022, in relation to a member of the seventh term Legislative Council whose target identity card shows the following year of birth—1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999 or 2000.”.

**4. Schedule 2 amended (years of birth and specified periods)**

(1) Schedule 2, before the following—

“1955 or 1956	From 24 September 2019 to 15 November 2019”
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Section 4

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**Add**

“1954 or any year before	From 4 April 2022 to 14 January 2023”.
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(2) Schedule 2, after the following—

“1987 or 1988	From 19 January 2022 to 2 April 2022”
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**Add**

“1989, 1990 or 1991	From 4 April 2022 to 10 June 2022
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1992, 1993, 1994 or 1995	From 11 June 2022 to 7 September 2022
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1996, 1997, 1998, 1999 or 2000	From 8 September 2022 to 10 December 2022”.
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10<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Secretary for Security

### **Explanatory Note**

This Order amends Schedule 2 to the Registration of Persons (Application for New Identity Cards) Order 2018 (Cap. 177 sub. leg. J) (*principal Order*) to specify the periods within which holders of target identity cards that show 1954 or any year before, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999 or 2000 as the year of birth must apply for new identity cards.

2. The Order also amends section 5 of the principal Order to provide certain members of the seventh term Legislative Council with an option to apply for new identity cards within the period from 4 April 2022 to 10 June 2022.