

**NATIONAL CIVIC REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT)
DECREE 1984**



Decree No. 28

[2nd October 1984]

Commence-
ment.

THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT hereby decrees as follows :—

1. The National Civic Registration Act 1979 (hereinafter in this Decree referred to as "the Act") is hereby amended as follows :—

Sundry
amendments
to the
National
Civic
Registration
Act 1979.

(a) for subsection (2) of section 2 of the Act, there shall be substituted the following new subsection :—

"(2) The Chief Registrar referred to in subsection (1) of this section shall be the Director of the National Civic Registration Department and the registrars shall be appointed by the Minister from among persons employed in the Department, or, where contingencies so dictate, from among persons employed by the Local Government Council in the area where such person is to serve, as the case may be." ;

1979 No. 51.

(b) for subsection (7) of section 7 thereof, there shall be substituted the following new subsection :—

"(7) The Minister, the Chief Registrar, a registrar, a police officer or a member of the armed forces may require any person to whom an identity card has been issued under this Act to produce such card and it shall be the duty of that person to produce such card if he has it on his person or within a specified period after he is required to do so." ;

(c) for subsection (1) of section 8 thereof, there shall be substituted a new subsection as follows :—

"(1) Upon the registration of a person under this Act, the registrar shall, upon the payment of a fee of ₦1, issue to such person a national identity card as in form ID 1 in Schedule 2 to this Act." ;

(d) in subsection (1) of section 9 and in the 7th line thereof, for all the words after "Registrar" to the words "prescribed fee" on the 8th line, there shall be substituted the words, "shall issue to such person a new national identity card upon payment of a fee of ₦2."

Reduction
in the
registrable
age.

2. The age at which a person becomes eligible for registration under the Act has been reduced from 18 to 10 years. Accordingly, for the words "eighteen years" wherever they occur in the Act, there shall be substituted the words "ten years".

Citation.

3. This Decree may be cited as the National Civic Registration (Amendment) Decree 1984.

MADE at Lagos this 2nd day of October 1984.

MAJOR-GENERAL M. BUHARI,
*Head of the Federal Military Government,
Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces,
Federal Republic of Nigeria*

EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note does not form part of the above Decree
but is intended merely to explain its purport)*

The Decree makes sundry amendments to the National Civic Registration Act 1979, among other things, to constitute the Director of the Department as the Chief Registrar of the scheme, to impose a fee of ₦1 for initial registration and ₦2 for replacement of a lost card. The Decree further makes the carrying of identity cards optional but is to be produced on demand. Finally, the Decree reduces the registrable age from 18 to 10 years.