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**THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025**

A Bill for

**AN ACT of Parliament to amend the Registration of
Persons Act**

ENACTED by the Parliament of Kenya as follows—

1. This Act may be cited as the Registration of Persons (Amendment) Act, 2025.

Short title.

2. Section 6 of the Registration of Persons Act, in this Act referred to as the “principal Act”, is amended by inserting the following new subsections immediately after subsection (1)—

Amendment of section 6 of Cap. 107.

(1A) The Principal Registrar shall, by the last day of the month of August each year, conduct a national registration programme to—

(a) register all secondary school students eligible for registration as at the close of the programme; and

(b) collect the particulars required under section 5(1) from all secondary school students eligible for registration between the date after the close of the programme and the last day of the month of December each year, for purposes of registration.

(1B) The national registration programme shall be free of charge.

3. Section 9 of the principal Act is amended by inserting the following new subsection immediately after subsection (1)—

Amendment of section 9 of Cap. 107.

(1A) The Principal Registrar shall cause an identity card issued under the national registration programme to be delivered for collection, free of charge, at—

(a) the secondary school of a student;
or

(b) a designated collection point, where a person has ceased to be a student.

MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**Statement of objects and reasons for the Bill**

The principal object of this Bill is to amend the Registration of Persons Act to require the establishment of a national programme for the registration of students eligible for the issuance of identification cards in secondary schools and to provide for the issuance of identification cards to the students, without charge, either at their school or a designated collection point.

Clause 1 of the Bill is the short title.

Clause 2 of the Bill amends section 6 of the Registration of Persons Act to require the establishment of a national programme for the registration of students eligible for the issuance of identification cards in secondary schools and the collection of particulars from those due to become eligible after the conclusion of the exercise but within the calendar year in question.

Clause 3 of the Bill amends section 9 of the Registration of Persons Act to provide for the issuance of identification cards to eligible students, without charge, either at their school or a designated collection point.

Statement on the delegation of legislative powers and limitation of fundamental rights and freedoms

This Bill does not delegate legislative power or limit any fundamental rights or freedoms.

Indication of whether the Bill concerns counties

The Bill does not contain any provisions affecting the functions, powers or finances of county governments.

Statement as to whether the Bill is a money Bill within the meaning of Article 114 of the Constitution

The enactment of this Bill shall occasion additional expenditure of public funds.

Dated the 5th November, 2025.

CAROLI OMONDI,
Member of Parliament.

WANJIKU MUHIA
Member of Parliament.

Section 6 of Cap. 107 that is proposed to be amended—

Registration

6. (1) Every person who attains or has attained the age of eighteen years and is unregistered shall be liable to registration under this Act and shall within ninety days of attaining that age present himself before a registration officer and register himself by giving to the registration officer the particulars specified in subsection (1) of section 5, and for that purpose shall permit his finger and thumb or toe or palm impressions to be recorded in any manner prescribed.

(2) The Principal Registrar may, by notice in the Gazette or in such other manner as he may think fit to bring the contents thereof to the notice of the persons affected thereby, require any person or class of persons in any particular area of Kenya to attend before a registration officer at such dates as may be specified in the notice for the purposes of registering under the provisions of this Act; and any such person, upon being so required, shall attend and give to the registration officer the particulars specified in subsection (1) of section 5 and for that purpose shall permit his finger, thumb, palm or toe impressions to be recorded in the manner prescribed.

(3) Where the Principal Registrar issues a notice in respect of any area under subsection (2), any unregistered person being of a class of persons required to register by the notice who enters that area or who, being within that area, thereafter becomes liable to registration shall present himself forthwith before a registration officer, and shall register himself in the manner provided in subsection (2).

(4) A requirement under subsection (2) may be made notwithstanding that any person or class of persons has, prior to that requirement, been registered under this Act.

(5) Where any person is required to register under subsection (2) and has been, prior to that requirement, registered under this Act and issued with an identity card, he shall, on being required by a registration officer so to do, forthwith surrender that identity card.

Section 9 of Cap. 107 that is proposed to be amended—

Registration officer to issue identity cards

(1) Upon the registration of a person under this Act, the registration officer shall within a period of thirty days from the date of registration issue an identity card in the prescribed form to that person.

(2) Every identity card shall contain—

- (a) a photograph, of the prescribed size and type, of the registered person; and
- (b) such of the finger and thumb or palm or toe impressions of the registered person as the registration officer may require, and for the purpose of obtaining them the registered person shall permit his photograph and his finger and thumb or palm or toe impression to be taken:

Provided that a registered person may elect, or be required by a registration officer, to supply a photograph of himself in duplicate where the registration officer is satisfied that the photographs are of the prescribed size and type and have been taken within the prescribed time.

(3) A registered person whose identity card is torn, worn out, mutilated, tampered with or otherwise rendered unserviceable may attend upon a registration officer and apply for renewal of the identity card upon payment of such fee, if any, as may be prescribed and shall at the time surrender the torn, worn out, mutilated, tampered with or otherwise unserviceable identity card;

(4) Upon the re-registration of a person under subsection (3), the registration officer shall issue a new identity card to that person, and the provisions of subsection (2) shall apply thereto.

(5) Every person to whom an identity card has been issued shall keep the card in safe custody.

(6) Any person who loses his identity card shall, without undue delay, report the loss to the nearest registration officer, who, on payment of such fee, if any, as may be prescribed and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed, shall issue to that person a new identity card within a period of fourteen days from the date of payments of fees:

Provided that if the registration officer is satisfied that the loss was through no fault or neglect of that person the new identity card shall be issued free of charge.

(7) Any person who finds, or who comes into possession of, an identity card which does not belong to him shall without undue delay and without charging any fee therefor, return it either to its owner or to the nearest registration officer or alternatively to the nearest police station.



