



REPUBLIC OF GHANA



THE NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY

ACT

OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA
ENTITLED

NATIONAL IDENTITY REGISTER (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2017

AN ACT to amend the National Identity Register Act, 2008 (Act 750), to make further provision for the mode of application for identity cards, provide for the conditions and requirements for registration, prescribe information to be supplied by persons to whom national identity cards are to be issued and for related matters.

DATE OF ASSENT: *4th December, 2017.*

PASSED by Parliament and assented to by the President:

Section 4 of Act 750 amended

1. The National Identity Register Act, 2008 (Act 750) referred to in this Act as the "principal enactment" is amended in section 4 by the substitution for paragraph (a) of subsection (2), of

"(a) that person's

- (i) full name;
- (ii) sex;
- (iii) date of birth;
- (iv) place and country of birth;
- (v) nationality;

- (vi) residential address;
- (vii) postal address;
- (viii) marital status and where applicable the name of the spouse;
- (ix) level of education;
- (x) employment status;
- (xi) birth certificate number;
- (xii) street name;
- (xiii) electronic mail address;
- (xiv) telephone number;
- (xv) Tax Identification Number (TIN) and date of issue;
- (xvi) social security number and date joined;
- (xvii) national health insurance number and date of issue;
- (xviii) voter identity number and date of issue;
- (xix) passport number and date of issue;
- (xx) driver's licence number and date of issue;
- (xxi) digital address code;
- (xxii) languages spoken;
- (xxiii) occupation;
- (xxiv) height;
- (xxv) colour of eyes;
- (xxvi) colour of hair;
- (xxvii) person with disability code;
- (xxviii) zip or postal code;
- (xxix) existing personal identification number if any;
- (xxx) type of verification document, its number and date of issue; and
- (xxxi) challenge column."

Section 7 of Act 750 amended

2. Section 7 of the principal enactment is amended

- (a) in subsection (1) by the substitution for "of the age of six years" the opening paragraph, of "aged zero"; and
- (b) in subparagraph (i) of paragraph (c) of subsection (4) by the insertion after "any other enactment, or", of "international obligations of the Republic in accordance with article 75 of the Constitution" .

Section 8 of Act 750 amended

3. Section 8 of the principal enactment is amended

(a) by the substitution for subsection (1), of

“(1) The Authority shall require an individual who applies for an entry to be made in the Register to submit any of the following identity documents:

(a) a birth certificate;

(b) a valid passport;

(c) a valid residence permit;

(d) a valid certificate of acquired citizenship; and

(e) any other information as may be required by the Authority.”; and

(b) by the substitution for subsection (2), of

“(2) Where an applicant is unable to submit any of the documents specified under subsection (1), the Authority shall require

(a) a relative of the applicant to identify the applicant under oath; or

(b) two persons determined by the Board to identify the applicant under oath, where the applicant has no known relatives.”.

Section 22 of Act 750 amended

4. Section 22 of the principal enactment is amended

(a) by the substitution for subsection (1) of

“(1) A registration officer or any other person may challenge an applicant if that applicant provides false information or does not satisfy the registration requirements provided for in this Act.”.

(b) by the insertion at the beginning of paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of

“member of the Unit Committee or”

Section 27 of Act 750 amended

5. Section 27 of the principal enactment is amended in subsection (5) by the substitution for “Court of Appeal”, of “High Court”.

Section 75 of Act 750 amended

6. Section 75 of the principal enactment is amended by the deletion of the definition for “identity document”.

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