

**AZAD GOVT. OF THE STATE OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR, LAW
AND PARLIMENTARY AFFAIRS SECRETARIAT,
MUZAFFARABAD.**

Muzaffarabad the 24th July 1975

The following Acts of the Assembly received the assent of the President on the 01st July 1975 and are hereby published for general information:-

(ACT VI OF 1975)

AN ACT to provide for the Registration of Citizen of Azad Jammu and Kashmir State and issue of identity Cards to them.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provided for the registration of citizen and issue of identity cards to them, and for matters ancillary thereto;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

- 1. Short title, extent, commencement and application:**(1) This Act may be called the National Registration Act, 1975.
 - (2) It extends to the whole of Azad Jammu and Kashmir.
 - (3) It shall come into force at once.
 - (4) It shall apply to all citizens wherever they may be.
- 2. Definitions.-** In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context:-
 - (a) 'Citizen' means a person who is or is deemed to be, a 'State Subject' as defined in the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Interim Constitution Act 1974;
 - (b) 'Government' means the Azad Government of the

State of Jammu and Kashmir;

- (c) 'Prescribed' means prescribed by rules;
- (d) 'Registration Officer' means the ^{1***} [Director General, Director, Deputy Director and Assistant Director] Registrar General or ² Inspector] appointed under section 3, and includes any officer to whom the powers of any officer have been delegated under this Act, and
- (e) 'Rules' means rules made under this Act.

3. Registration Officer:(1) For the purposes of this Act, Government may appoint;

- (a) A*** [Director General] for the whole of Azad Kashmir.
- ³[(b) A***[Directorand as many Deputy Directorand Assistant Director],District Registrars, Registrars Inspectors] .as it may consider necessary. A District Registrar for each revenue district; and
- (c) As many Registrars for the local areas as it may consider necessary.

(2) Director and every ***[Deputy Director, Assistant Director], District Registrar, Registrar and Inspector shall exercise his powers and perform his functions under this Act and rules.

¹ ***Substituted vide Sec 11 of Act XXXVII of 1986. Original Words were: " Joint Registrar -General or Deputy Registrar-General or Assistant Registrar-General or District Registrar or Registrar or... Registrar General

² Substituted vide section 2 of Act XXXVII of 1986.original are as. Deputy Registrar General or a District Register or Registrar.

³ Substituted vide section 3(a) of Act XXXVII of 1986 origina as ; (b) A District Registrar for each revenue district; and (c) As many Registrars for the local areas as it may consider necessary.

- (a) Within such area as the***[Director General] subject to the general supervision and control of the Government, may direct; and
- (b) under the general supervision and control of, and in accordance such instructions as may be given in this behalf by, the***[Director General]

Every District Registrar and Registrar shall exercise his powers and perform his functions under this Act and rules under the general supervision and control of, and in accordance, with such instructions as may be given in this behalf by, the***[Director General]

4. Registration of citizen:(1) Within such time as the Government may, by notification in the official Gazette specify in this behalf;

- (a) every citizen in or out of Azad Kashmir who has attained the age of eighteen years shall get himself; and
- (b) a parent or guardian of every citizen who has not attained that age shall get such citizen registered in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

¹[(2) An application for registration shall be made in such form and authority as may be prescribed.” And]

¹ Substituted vide section 4(a) of Act XXXVII of 1986 original as an application for registrar;

(a) under clause (a) of sub-section (1) shall be in Form A of Schedule to this Act; and

(b) under clause (b) of sub-section (1) shall be in Form of that Schedule.

And shall be made to such authority as may be prescribed.

¹["(3) An application for registration in respect of newly born citizen shall be made within sixty days of such birth.]

IDENTITY CARDS

5. (1) The^{***}[Director General] shall cause to be issued to every citizen who has attained the age eighteen years and got himself registered under section 4, a card ²[in the prescribed form] hereinafter referred to as the Identity Cards.
- (2) Every person to whom an identity card is issued shall be responsible for its safe custody and for maintaining it in proper shape.
6. **Inspection of Identity Card:**A Registration Officer or any Gazetted Officer under the control of, and authorized by, the ^{***}[Director General] in this behalf may require a person to whom an identity card has been issued to produce the card for inspection before him or, if it is not in his possession when so required, to produce it within such time, before such officer and at such place as the Registration officer or the officer so authorized may direct.
7. **Surrender of identity card:**(1)In case of the death of any holder of an identity card, his identity card shall be surrendered or given up to the District Registrar by the spouse, heir or next of Kin, as the case may be, of such holder within sixty days of such death.
- ³["(1-A) When a citizen who has not attained the age of eighteen years dies, a parent or the guardian of

¹ Added vide section 4(b) of Act XXXVII of 1986.

² Substituted vide section 5 of Act XXXVII of 1986 original are as containing the particulars set out in Schedule II to this Act.

³ Inserted vide section 6 of ActXXXVII of 1986.

such citizen shall report the death Registrar within sixty days of such death.”]

(2) The holder of an identity card who ceases to be a citizen shall surrender or give up his identity card to the District Registrar within sixty days of his ceasing to be a citizen.

- 8. Identify cards necessary for certain purposes.-** (1) No citizen who has attained the age of eighteen years but does not possess or produce an identity card shall be granted a passport, permit or other travel documents for going out of Pakistan.

(2) Any officer charged with the duty of conducting the poll at an election to the Azad Kashmir Assembly or to a Municipal Committee, or other local authority may, for the purpose of satisfying himself as to the identity of any person, require such person to produce his identity card.

(3) The Government may, by notification in the official gazette specify any other purposes for which the production of an identity card shall be necessary.

(4) The identity card issued to any person shall be proof of his identity for any purposes for which his identity is required to be established.

- 9. Power to call for proof of information:-**The***[Director General] or any person authorized by him in this behalf may require a person who has given any information in pursuance of this Act, to furnish such documentary or other evidence of the truth of that information as it is within the power of that person to furnish.

- 10. Information not be divulged.-**Any person who --

(a) Being a person employed for the purposes of this Act, publishes or communicates to any person, otherwise than in the ordinary course of such employment, any information acquired by him in

the course of the employment; or

- (b) Having possession of any information which to his knowledge has been disclosed in contravention of this Act, published or communicates that information to any other person, shall be punishable with imprisonment for an term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to one thousand or with both;

Provided that nothing in this section shall apply to any publication; or communicating or information made-

- (i) For the purpose of an judicial proceedings; or
- (ii) To any Gazette Officer authorized by the Government or the***[Director General].

11. Penalties.- 1. Any person who-

- (a) does not, without reasonable cause, apply for Registrant as required by section 4;
- (b) for any of the purposes of this Act makes any statement or furnishes any information which he knows or has reason to believe to be false in any material particular or which he does not believe to be true'
- (c) conceals, or refuses to furnish, any information which he ought to disclose or furnish;
- (d) obliterates or changes any particulars written in the identity card;
- (e) forges any identity card or makes or has in his possession any document so closely resembling an identity card as to be a calculated to deceive;
- (f) fails, without reasonable cause, to report to any

registration officer any loss of the identity card within thirty days of such loss;

- (g) allows any other person to have possession of an identity card of the custody of which he is responsible;
- (h) refuses or fails to produce or surrender an identity card as required under Section 6 of this Act.
- (i) does not, without reasonable cause, apply for a identity card within ninety days of his attaining the age of eighteen years; or
- (j) knowledge contravenes any other provision of this Act or the rules, shall in addition to any other penalty to which he may be liable under any other law, be punishable¹[‘with rigorous imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months, or with fine not exceeding one thousand rupees, or with both.’]

²[“(2) Any person who attests verifies any statement or information made or furnished for the purpose of this Act which he knows or has reason to believe to be false in any material particular or which he does not believe to be true shall be punishable with fine not exceeding one thousand rupees, or with simple imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months or with both.”]

12. Cognizance of offence.- No court shall take cognizance of any offence under this Act except upon complaint in writing made by the***[Director

¹ Substituted vide section 7(a) of Act XXXVII of 1986 original as; with fine not exceeding fifty rupees or, in default of payment of fine, with simple imprisonment for a period not exceeding fifteen days.

² Added vide section 7(b) of Act XXXVII OF 1986.

General] or any Gazetted officer authorized by him in this behalf.

13. **Offence triable summarily:**Notwithstanding anything contained in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act V of 1898) an offence under this Act shall be triable summarily by any Magistrate, exercising the powers of a Magistrate of the first class.
14. **Officers, etc. deemed to be public service:**Every Registration Officer and every other person employed in connection with Registration and issue of identity cards shall be deemed to be a Public servant within the meaning of section 21 of the Penal Code (Act XLV of 1860)
15. **Power to makes rules:**The Government may, by notification in the official Gazette make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act.
16. **Delegation of powers:**The Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, direct that all or any of the powers conferred on it by this Act or the rules shall, subject to such conditions, if any, as may be specified in the notification, be exercisable also by any officer of the Government.
17. **Identity:**No suit, prosecution or other legal proceeding shall lie against the Government, any Registration Officer or any other person exercising any powers or performing any function under this Act, for any thing which is in good faith done or purporting or intended to be done under this Act or any rules.

¹["17-A Power to exempt. - The*****Director General]** or an officer authorized by him in this behalf may, by order, in special circumstances to be recorded in writing, exempt any person or class of persons from the requirement of possessing or producing an identity card for any purpose

¹ Inserted vide section 8 of Act XXXVII of 1986.

for which it is required by or under this Act to be possessed or produced.”]

18. Removal of difficulties; If any difficulty arises in giving effect to any provision of this Act, the Government may make such order, not inconsistent with the provision of this Act, as may appear to it to be necessary for the purposes of removing the difficulty.

¹**[18-A]** The Directorate General of Registration Government of Pakistan under the said Act shall, in respect of issue of identity cards and registration of persons, have and exercise in the territory of Azad Jammu and Kashmir the same jurisdiction and powers as they do in Pakistan.”]

- 19. Repeal:** National Registration Ordinance 1975 (Ordinance No, XII of 1975) is hereby repealed.

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³[****]

¹Inserted vide section 10 of ActXXXVII of 1986.

² Inserted saving clause vide section 12 of Act XXXVII of 1986 **Savings.-** Notwithstanding any judgment, decree or order of any court including High Court, every thing done, all actions taken, notifications issued, orders or appointments made, proceedings initiated, jurisdiction or powers exercised under the provisions of the National Registration Act, (Amendment) Ordinance, 1979 (Ordinance CXXVII of 1979) or its succeeding Ordinances issued from time to time shall be deemed to have been validly done, taken, issued, made, initiated or exercised under this Act

³ Omitted vide section 9 of ActXXXVII of 1986. ((8)

SCHEDULE I
AZAD JAMMU AND KASHMIR GOVERNMENT
REGISTRATION ORGANIZATION
(HOME DEPARTMENT)
APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION (FOR AZAD KASHMIR
CITIZENS)
FORM A
(See Section 4 (I) (a))

Post Office _____

No _____
Date _____

Code No, (To be written in Registration Office).

(1) Full Name (With alias) _____

(2) Sex (male or female) _____

(3) Religion _____

(4) Father Name _____

(5) Husband's Name in case of married woman _____

(6) Present Address _____ Street No _____

Mohalla _____ City/Village _____ Post Office _____

Tehsil _____ District _____

(7) Permanent Address House No _____ Street No _____

Mohallah _____ City/Village _____ Post Office _____ Tehsil _____

District _____

Date of birth or age _____

(9) District of Birth _____

(10) Identification Marks _____

(11) Education (General/ Technical) _____

(12) Occupation _____

(13) If employed, write here address of office/ firm _____

I solemnly declare that the information given by me to the best of my knowledge and belief is correct and that I have not concealed any information. Further I have not provisory applied for registration any where else in Azad Kashmir or Pakistan.

Date _____ Signature/Thumb Impression.

Photo for ladies is optional

Signature/Thumb impression
of the applicant

ATTESTATION:

I certify that I personally known _____ and that the particulates given by him/her true to the best of my knowledge.

Seal of
attesting
Person.

Signature of attesting _____
Full Name and designation _____
Date _____

FORM B

(See Section 4 (1) (b))

TO BE FILLED BY HEAD OF THE HOUSE-HOLD IN RESPECT OF HIS
DEPENDENTS/ BELOW THE AGE OF 18 YEAR

I have the following dependents in my household, who are naturally living with me:-

S. No	Name	Date of Birth or age	Sex	Relationship

Signature/Thumb Impression of the

head of the household

Attestation Date _____

I certify that I personally know _____ and the particulars
given by him/her are true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of attesting person _____

Full Name with designation _____

Date _____

Seal of attesting person.