

National Registration Card (NRC) Information Document

1. Introduction

The National Registration Card (NRC) is an official identification document issued by the Government of Zambia. It is a mandatory requirement for all Zambian citizens aged 16 years and above.

2. Purpose of the NRC

The NRC serves as proof of identity, nationality, and age. It is required for various purposes, including:

- Voting in elections
- Accessing government services
- Employment verification
- Bank account registration
- Property ownership

3. Eligibility Criteria

To obtain an NRC, an individual must:

- Be a Zambian citizen
- Be at least 16 years old
- Provide proof of birth (birth certificate or affidavit)
- Have a parent or guardian present (for minors)

4. Application Process

Applicants must visit their nearest Department of National Registration, Passport and Citizenship office and provide the following:

- Completed application form
- Birth certificate or affidavit
- Parent/guardian's NRC (for minors)
- Two passport-sized photos

The application process involves:

1. Submission of required documents
2. Biometric data collection (fingerprints & photo capture)
3. Verification and approval by an official
4. Issuance of the NRC

5. NRC Replacement and Renewal

If an NRC is lost, damaged, or stolen, the holder must apply for a replacement by submitting:

- A police report
- An affidavit confirming the loss
- Payment of a prescribed fee

Renewal is required if the card becomes illegible or is damaged beyond recognition.

6. Legal Implications

It is an offense to:

- Possess more than one NRC
- Use a falsified or fraudulent NRC
- Fail to produce an NRC when required by law enforcement

7. Contact Information

For further assistance, applicants can contact the Department of National Registration, Passport and Citizenship at their nearest provincial or district office.

This document serves as a guideline and is subject to updates by the relevant government authorities.