**United Arab Emirates**

**Federal Authority for Identity and Citizenship**

**Federal Decree - Law No. (2) of the Year 2004**

**on Establishment of the Federal Authority for Identity and Citizenship and its Amendments[[1]](#footnote-1)**

**Federal Decree - law No. (1) of the Year 2013[[2]](#footnote-2)**

**Federal Decree - law No. (3) of the Year 2017[[3]](#footnote-3)**

**Prepared by the Legal Group**

**Federal Decree - law No. (2) of the Year 2004**

**On Establishment of the Federal Authority for Identity and Citizenship and its Amendments**

**By Federal Decree - law No. (1) of the Year 2013**

**And Federal Decree - law No. (3) of the Year 2017**

**We**, **Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates;**

* Having taken cognizance of the Constitution; and
* Federal Law No. (1) of the year 1972 A.D. on the Jurisdictions of the Ministries and the Powers of the Ministers , and the Amendments thereof; and
* Federal Law No. (17) of the year 1972 A.D. on the Citizenship and Passports, and the Amendments thereof;
* Federal Law No. (6) of the year 1973 A.D. on Entry and Residence of Foreigners , and the Amendments thereof; and
* Federal Law No. (8) of the year 1980 on the Organization of Labour Relations , and the Amendments thereof; and
* Federal Law No. (3) of the year 1987 on Issuance of the Penal Code, and the Amendments thereof; and
* Federal Law No. (35) of the year 1992 on the Code of Criminal Procedures, and the Amendments thereof; and
* Federal Law No. (45) of the year 1992 on Organization of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Amendments thereof; and
* Federal Decree - law No. (2) of the year 2004 on Establishment of Emirates Identity Authority, and the Amendments thereof; and
* Federal Decree - law No. (4) of the year 2004 on Establishment and Organization of Ministry of Presidential Affairs; and
* Federal Law No. (9) of 2006 on Population Register and ID Card System, and the Amendments thereof ; and
* Federal Law No. (6) of 2011 on Establishment of the General Authority for the Security of Ports, Borders and Free Zones, and the Amendments thereof; and;
* Pursuant to the proposal of the Minister of Cabinet Affairs and the Future, and the approval of the Cabinet

**Hereby Enact the Following Decree - law:**

**Section 1: Definitions**

**[[4]](#footnote-4)Article (1)**

In enforcement of this Decree - law, the following words shall have the meanings situated next to each one of them, unless the context indicates otherwise:

State: The State of United Arab Emirates

Government: Government of United Arab Emirates

\*Authority: The Federal Authority for Identity and Citizenship

Population Register: The population register of the State, which includes the citizens and the legally residents.

Population: The citizens and the legally residents in the State.

Card: The ID card of the citizens and residents.

Unified Number: The registration number of the person in the population register base, which shall be unchangeable or usable by any other person

Board: The Board of Directors of the Authority

Chairman: The chairman of the Board of Directors of the Authority

Director General: Director General of the Authority

**Section 2: Establishment and Purposes of the Authority**

**[[5]](#footnote-5)Article 2**

A Federal General Authority shall be established and called (The Federal Authority for Identity and Citizenship), and shall have a legal personality, independent budget and full competency for the legal disposals for achievement of its purposes on service bases. It shall be concerned about registration of the population data and issuance of an ID card to each person.

The Authority shall further be concerned about the nationality and passports and the entry and residence of foreigners' affairs in the State, and shall be responsible for framing the policy in connection with these matters, and ensure the execution thereof in accordance with the provisions of this Decree - law, the enforceable laws, statutes and decisions in the State.

**Article 3**

The headquarters of the Authority shall be located in City of Abu Dhabi, and it may establish affiliates or offices thereto in the State in order to accomplish its objectives.

**Article 4**

The Authority shall aim to establish and update the population register system and issuance of the ID cards for the citizens and residents, and for these purposes it shall have the right to perform the following acts and disposals:

1. Register the personal data of all the population in the State and save it on E-databases in coordination with the competent entities.
2. Register the essential statistic data of population and connect it with the personal data aforesaid in the preceding clause.
3. Issue ID cards having the unified number, readable data and data stored on E-chip to be used in all the entities.
4. Update the data contained in the preceding clauses, when necessary. Submit services of identification and confirmation of the persons' identity to the Federal governmental and local entities and any other entities, and identify the applicable means for this purpose in accordance with the executive regulations.
5. The Authority shall have the right to request the necessary data and information for accomplishment of its objectives from the competent entities in the State.

Article (4) bis[[6]](#footnote-6)

All the jurisdictions and powers of the Ministry of Interior in relation to the nationality and passports and the entry and residence of foreigners 'affairs and the jurisdictions and powers contained in the enforceable laws, statutes and decisions shall be conferred to the Authority. The Authority shall only have the right to exercise such jurisdictions for the purpose of accomplishment of its objectives.

The Authority shall particularly have the right to:

1. Establish the general policy of the nationality and passports, and the entry and residence of foreigners' affairs in coordination with the competent Federal and local entities, and seek to implement this policy after being certified by the cabinet.
2. Propose the laws draft in connection with the nationality and passports and the entry and residence of foreigners' affairs in the State.
3. Prepare the regulations, statutes, rules and procedures organizing the nationality and passports and the entry and residence of foreigners' affairs in the State, and seek to issue them in accordance with law.
4. Take the decisions on the claims in relation to confirmation of the original nationality or the dependent nationality or loss or recovery of the nationality in accordance with the Nationality and Passports Law and the executive regulations thereof.
5. Propose the places designated for the entry or exit from the State, and a decision shall be issued by the cabinet to identify such places.
6. Issue, renew, and withdraw the ordinary and temporary passports, in accordance with the Nationality and Passports Law and the executive regulations thereof.
7. Set the rules which organize the procedures and conditions in order for the residents in the State to obtain permits for entry of foreigners residing outside the State, and submit these rules to the cabinet for enactment.
8. Dismiss and retain foreigners, and issue the permits for dismissal of foreigners in accordance with law.
9. Propose the fees for the nationality and passports and the entry and residence of foreigners' affairs in coordination with the local entities, and submit the proposal to the cabinet for enactment.
10. Collect and document the data, information and statistics in relation to the nationality and passports and the entry and residence of foreigners' affairs in the State
11. The Authority shall represent the State in the Arab, regional and international conferences whose activity is to be relevant to the work nature of the Authority, and it shall follow up the execution of its decisions in coordination with the competent entities in the State. The Authority shall perform any other tasks entrusted thereto by the cabinet.

**Article 5**

The Authority may invest or use some of its funds in the fields which serve the objectives thereof.

**Section 3: Board of Directors**

**Article 6[[7]](#footnote-7)**

1. The Authority shall be administrated by a Board of Directors consisting of seven members, including a chairman -with a rank of Minister- and a deputy chairman.
2. The members of the Board of Directors shall be assigned by a Federal Decree, provided that some of those members shall be representatives of the entities relevant to the Authority work.
3. The period of the membership of the Board shall be three years and may be renewable. If the position of a member in the Board becomes vacant, another member shall be assigned instead of the predecessor for the remaining period of the membership. The deputy chairman shall replace the chairman upon his absence.
4. The chairman shall adopt its own interior system after approval of the Board.

**Article 7**

The rewards and allowances of the members of the Board shall be determined by a decision of the cabinet.

Article 8[[8]](#footnote-8)

The Board of Directors shall be the supreme authority which governs the Authority affairs and dispose with the financial and administrative matters in accordance with the provisions of this Decree - law, and it shall particularly:

1. Frame the general policy of the Authority and supervise the implementation thereof.
2. Certify the plans and programs which ensure the development of the Authority and workers therein in order to accomplish its objectives and advancement.
3. Certify and issue the decisions and interior regulations in relation to the financial and technical affairs of the Authority.
4. Approve the organizational structure and human resources systems of the Authority, and submit them to the cabinet for the certification and enactment.
5. Assign and terminate the employees' services in accordance with the enforceable regulations in the Authority. Take cognizance of the periodical reports submitted to the Board and decide what it deems necessary therefor.
6. Certify the final account and the general budget of the Authority.
7. Identify the data required to be registered on the cards, whether readable or electronic.
8. Propose the fees to be collected by the Authority for registration or updating the data or issuance of the cards to the population, and submit the services to the beneficiary entity.
9. Form subsidiary committees from the members of Board to be entrusted with the study and inspection of the matters fallen under the jurisdiction of the Board. These committees shall have the right to resort to whoever it deems suitable other than the members of Board, whether from inside or outside the Authority.
10. Submit an annual report to the supreme entities about the work progress in the Authority and the achievements made during the year.
11. Establishment of other subsidiaries to the Authority.

**Article 9[[9]](#footnote-9)**

The Board shall hold a meeting at least once every three months based on a call from the chairman or his deputy. The chairman may call the Board for meeting, based on the demand of the Director General or the demand of at least four members, when necessary. The Board may call for experts and consultants from outside the Board from the entities relevant to the Authority work, at discretion of the Board, to attend the sessions, without having the right to vote upon taking decisions.

**Article 10 [[10]](#footnote-10)**

It shall be stipulated for the validity of the Board assembly that the majority of its members attend it, and the decisions of Board shall be issued by absolute majority of the attendants' votes, and upon equality the chairman shall give preference of either of the two parties.

**Section 4: Director General**

**Article 11[[11]](#footnote-11)**

The Authority shall have one Director General or more, with the rank of Deputy Minister, from the civil workers or military workers with a rank no less than "Major General". The Federal Decree shall be issued for the assignment after approval of the cabinet, based on the nomination of Board.

**Article 12**

The Director General shall conduct the operation of the Authority works and he shall represent the Authority in the relations with other parties and before courts, and he shall particularly:

1. Accomplish the decisions and the general policies framed or certified by the Board.
2. Administrate the Authority and develop the work therein.
3. Propose the schedule of the Board.
4. Prepare the suppositional budget draft of the Authority and submit it to the Board.
5. Prepare the drafts of the final account and the general budget and submit them to the Board.
6. Prepare the interior regulations and systems in relation to the financial and technical affairs and the human resources and the organizational structure of the Authority.
7. Issue the decisions in connection to the employees' affairs of the Authority, in accordance with the human resources regulations.
8. Prepare the periodical report about the work progress in the Authority and submit it to the Board.
9. Any other tasks entrusted to him by the Board.

**Section 5: Financial Affairs**

**Article 13**

The Authority shall have independent budget belonging to the State budget.

**Article 14**

The Authority funds shall be deemed to be public funds.

**Article 15**

The Authority revenues shall be collected from the following sources:

1. The annual funds allocated by the State to the Authority in the general budget.
2. [[12]](#footnote-12) The surplus brought forward from the preceding financial year.
3. The entities, funds and donations approved by the Board.
4. The other revenues which are collected by the Authority for its activities.

**Article 16**

The Director General shall prepare the annual budget draft of the Authority and submit it to the Board to be approved before the beginning of September of every year, as well as the final account draft of the Authority.

**Article 17**

The government shall incur the incapacity resulting from the increase of the expenses of the Authority over its revenues.

**Article 18**

The financial year of Authority shall commence on January 1st and shall end on December 31st every year, provided that the first financial year shall commence as of the date on which this Decree – law enters into force and shall end on December 31st of the following year.

**Article 19**

The Authority works shall not be governed by the provisions of the advance control determined in the Audit Bureau Law. The Authority shall be exempted from all the taxes and fees.

**Article 20**

The chairman shall issue the executive regulations of this Decree – law based on the approval of the Board.

**Article 21[[13]](#footnote-13)**

The Authority employees shall be governed by the Civil Service Law applicable in the Federal government, unless otherwise provided for in this Decree - law.

**Article (21) bis (1)**

1. The military and civil workers of the Ministry of Interior in the nationality, passports and the entry and residence foreigners' affairs shall be transformed to the Authority by a decision of the cabinet, provided that they shall be transformed with their own grades, ranks and all rights and privileges. The employees' vocational statuses shall be settled as per the applicable systems of Authority, without changing their salaries and allocations, plus connecting their service period in the Authority with their service in the Ministry of Interior.
2. The systems of salaries, premiums, allowances, bonuses and the pensions applicable in the Ministry of Interior shall continue to be applied to the military workers transformed or assigned by the Authority, until the issuance of their systems and vocational regulations.

**Article (21) bis (2)**

1. The assets of the entities exercising the jurisdictions entrusted to the Authority shall hereby be conveyed to the Authority concerning the nationality, passports and the entry and residence of foreigners' affairs. All the assets, rights and obligations of such entities shall be transferred to the Authority, and a committee shall be formed by a decision of the cabinet to count such assets.
2. The necessary financial funds shall be allocated to the Authority for exercising the jurisdictions determined to it in accordance with the provisions of this Decree – law and the executive regulations thereof.

**Article 22**

Any registration of population statement made abroad to one of the State citizens shall be valid if it is made as per the provisions of laws of that State, provided that it is not contrary to the state of UAE laws.

**Article 23**

The registers of the Authority and its affiliates, including the data and their official copies shall be deemed to be valid, unless they are proven to be incompatible, invalid or forged by a judicial judgment.

The chairman of Board of the Authority or his deputy shall issue a decision on repeal of the items registered inconsistently with the provisions of this Decree – law and the executive regulations thereof and all the consequences.

**Article 24**

The data and information of population included in the Authority registers, computers and storage media shall be deemed to be confidential, and they may not be perused or disclosed, except in the cases provided for in the law.

**Article 25**

The data, information and collected statistics included in the registers, computers and storage media shall be deemed to be confidential, and they may not be perused or published, except for a national or scientific interest and under a written permit from the chairman of the Board of the Authority or his deputy in accordance with the statuses and conditions prescribed by the law.

**Article 26**

The decisions and systems applicable in the nationality, passports and the entry and residence of foreigners' affairs shall continue to be applied at the time of issuance of this Decree - law, except those contrary to its provisions, until the issuance of the replaced systems and decisions.

**Article 27**

The concerned entities shall take the necessary actions for enforcement of the provisions of this Decree - law, each in its jurisdiction, provided that the enforcement shall be carried out no later than 6 months as of the date of being entered into force, and this period may be extended for a similar period by a decision of the cabinet.

**Article 29**

Any provision contradicting or incompatible with the provisions of this Decree – law shall be repealed.

**Article 30**

This Decree – law shall be published in the official gazette and it shall enter into force on the day following the date of publication.

**Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan,**

**President of the United Arab Emirates**

**It was promulgated by us at the Presidential Palace in Abu Dhabi,**

**Date: Dhu Al-Qa'dah 4, 1438 A.H.**

**Corresponding to: July 27, 2017 A.D.**

**Federal Law No (9) of the Year 2006**

**on the Population Register and ID Card System and the Amendments thereof**

**Under the Federal Law No. (9) of the Year 2015**

**[[14]](#footnote-14)**

**Federal Law No (9) of the Year 2015**

**for Amendment of some Provisions of the Federal Law No. (9) of the Year 2015**

**On the Population Register and ID Card System**

**We**, **Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates;**

* Having taken cognizance of the Constitution; and
* Federal Law No. (1) of the year 1972 A.D. on the Jurisdictions of the Ministries and the Powers of the Ministers , and The amending Laws thereof; and;
* Federal Law No. (17) of the year 1972 A.D. on the Citizenship and Passports, and the amending Laws thereof;
* Federal Law No. (6) of the year1973 A.D. on Entry and Residence of Foreigners , and the amending Laws thereof; and
* Federal Law No. (6) of the year 1975 A.D. on the Organization of Births and Deaths Registry, and the amending Laws thereof; and
* Federal Law No. (7) of the year 1976 A.D. on the Audit Bureau, and the amending Laws thereof; and
* Federal Law No. (8) of the year 1980 A.D. on the Organization of Labour Relations , and the amending Laws thereof; and
* Federal Law No. (3) of the year 1982 A.D. on the General Authority of Information, and the amending Laws thereof; and
* Federal Law No. (3) of the year 1987 A.D. on Issuance of the Penal Code; and
* Federal Law No. (35) of the year1992 A.D. on the Code of Criminal Procedures,; and
* Federal Law No. (21) of 2001 on the Civil Service in the Federal Government, and the amending Laws thereof; and
* Federal Decree - Law No. (2) of 2004 on Establishment of Emirates Identity Authority; and
* Pursuant to the proposal of the Minister of Interior, and the approval of the

Cabinet and ratification of the Federal Supreme Council, we

Hereby Enact The Following Law:

**Article (1)**

**Definitions**

In enforcement of this Law, the following words and phrase shall have the meaning situated next to each one of them, unless the context indicates otherwise:

The State: State of United Arab Emirates

Authority: Emirates Identity Authority

Board: The Board of Director of the Authority

Chairman: The Chairman of the Board

Director General: The Director General of the Authority

Concerned Entities: The Federal governmental and local entities, as well as the entities determined by a decision of the cabinet based on the proposal of the chairman.

Population Register: Register of population in the State, which includes the individual data and the civil facts.

Individual Data: The data which belongs to each person, including fingerprints in any shape whatsoever- blood type- the name and the date of changing it, if any- address and domicile - place and date of birth- gender- religion- nationality- residence for non-citizens- marital status- registration number of the parents, husband, wife or children- academic certificate and specialty- job or profession and work place and any other data determined by the Board based on proposal of the Director General.

Civil Facts: Elements of the civil status of a person, including: Birth, marriage-divorce-nationality-residence-death and any other facts determined by the Board based on the proposal of the Director General.

Collected Statistics: The total numbers of one or more of the statements of the population data registered in the Authority, to be used for concluding social, economic, security and cultural indicators or otherwise.

Card: ID card is issued in accordance with provisions of this Law.

ID Number: The unified number provided for in the Federal Decree – law No. (2) of the year 2004 aforesaid.

**First Section: Establishment of the System and Registration therein**

**Article (2)**

A population register system shall be created in the State in order to register the individual data and the civil facts of the citizens and non-citizens residing in the State.

Other registers may be created by a decision of the Board based on the proposal of the Director General.

**Article (3)**

The individual data and the civil facts of persons shall be registered in the population register system, as decided by the Board based on the proposal of the Director General.

Each person, citizen or non-citizen residing in the State and registered in the population register system shall have a fixed number called ID Number.

All the concerned entities shall write down this number in the transactions, registers and files pertaining to the persons, and shall use it for organizing and saving such transactions, registers and files, without prejudice to the methods of organization and saving followed by such entities.

**Article (4)**

The persons covered by the provisions of this Law shall come to register themselves in the population register system within the dates and stages to be determined by a decision of the Board based on the proposal of the Director General.

This obligation shall apply to the householder for his:

1. Parents, if any, wife, minor children, as well as his adult children and relatives under his support and residing with him.
2. Servants and the equivalents.

In all cases, the application for registration shall be submitted by the concerned party or his deputy, as decided by the Board based on the proposal of the Director General.

**Article (5)**

The concerned entities, each in its jurisdiction, shall notify the Authority of the individual data or the civil facts or any change or amendment to such data or facts, within the dates and as per the procedures determined by the decision of the Board based on the proposal of Director General.

**Article (6)**

Taking into consideration the provision of Para 1 of Article (4) of this Law, the personss registered in the population register system shall be bound to notify the Authority of any change or amendment to the individual data or the civil facts pertaining thereto, within the date and as per the procedures determined by the Board based on the proposal of Director General; the recipient of the notification shall give the informer a bond for this matter after verifying his personality.

In all cases, the notification shall be given by the concerned party or his deputy, as decided by the Board based on the proposal of the Director General.

**Article (7)**

The Authority shall have the right to request the persons as well as the private legal persons covered by the provisions of this Law to give their own data or information, so long as this is necessary for the population register system or other registers of the Authority, which shall identify the procedures and dates by a decision of the chairman after approval of the Board.

**Article (8)**

The Embassies and consulates of the State abroad shall notify the Authority of the individual data and the civil facts or any changes thereto which were given to them by the citizens residing under their jurisdictions.

**Section 2: ID Card**

**Article (9)**

The Authority shall issue a card called the ID card for each person registered in the population register system.

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article (4) of this Law, whoever reaches the age of 15 shall come to obtain a card, within 6 months as of the date of reaching this age.

The pattern and data of the card, the procedures of obtaining the card and the date of renewal thereof shall be determined by a decision of the Board based on the proposal of the Director General.

**Article (10)[[15]](#footnote-15)**

Taking into consideration the provisions of Article (9) of this Law, and with exclusion of the necessary cases determined by the Board of Directors based on the proposal of the Director General, no employee or user or worker or applicant or any person in any other capacity may be accepted, employed or retained unless he holds an ID card.

This effective date and the mechanism of implementation of this prohibition shall be identified by a decision of the Board of Directors based on the proposal of the Director General, and shall be published in the official gazette.

**Article (11)**

In case of loss or damage of the card or change of the data thereon, the holder of the card shall notify the Authority of this matter within the dates and as per the procedures determined by a decision of the Board based on the proposal of the Director General.

**Section 3: Obtainment of Data**

**Article (12)**

Each person shall have the right to get an official copy of his own individual data, ascendants, descendants or spouses. The householder-as well- shall have the right to obtain these data of the persons he registered in accordance with the provision of Para 2 of Article (4) of this Law.

These data may not be given to anyone other than the persons aforesaid in the preceding Para, unless under a special Power of Attorney by the owner of such data, and this Power of Attorney shall be authenticated in accordance with the prescribed rules.

**Article (13)**

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article (12) of this Law, the concerned entities may obtain an official copy of the data registered in the population register from the Authority if it is necessary for execution of their jurisdictions and within such jurisdictions, as per the executive regulations of this Law.

**Article (14)**

The Director General may, as per the rules determined by the Board, give comprehensive statistic data for the purpose of the scientific research and societal and population studies. Any person who desires to obtain such data shall submit the application form prepared by the Authority and enclosed with the documents identified by the Board. The Director General shall have the right to reject the application and notify in writing the applicant of this rejection, after verification of the benefit of such data for its purpose, and after fulfillment of any other conditions the Board deems necessary.

The decision of rejection may be complained within the dates and as per the procedures determined by a decision of the Board based on the proposal of the Director General. The chairman's decision issued for the matter of complaint shall be final.

**Article (15)**

It shall be prohibited for anyone obtaining information in accordance with the provisions of the two Articles (13) and (14) of this Law to use it for a purpose different from the purpose approved by the Authority, and this person shall comply with the conditions under which such information was given to him.

Without prejudice to the penalty contained in Article (18) of this Law, the Authority shall have the right not to give the violator the information required by him in the future for the period specified by the Authority.

**Article 4: Penalties [[16]](#footnote-16)**

**Article (16)**

"The Cabinet, based on the proposal of the Board, shall issue a decision identifying the fines imposed by the Authority on whoever violates any of the provisions of Articles 6 and 10 of this federal law, provided that such fine does not exceed one thousand Dirhams. Multiple fines shall apply to multiple people concerned with the violation.".

Article (17)

Any person who violates the provision of Article (7) of this Law shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five thousand Dirham.

Article (18)

Without prejudice to any more severe penalty provided for in any other Law, any person who gives incorrect data to the population register system shall be punished by imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months and by a fine not exceeding five thousand Dirham or by either of these two penalties.

**Article (19)**

Without prejudice to any more severe penalty provided for in any other Law, any person who violates- in bad faith- the two Articles (14) and (15) of this Law shall be punished by imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months and by a fine not exceeding five thousand Dirham or by either of these two penalties.

**Article (20)**

If the representatives, managers, agents or members of the Board of Directors of a legal person violates either of the two Articles (14) and (15) of this Law, it shall be deemed to be an aggravating factor.

The court may, in case of incrimination of any of the persons aforesaid in the preceding Para, sentence to prevent the legal person relevant to the convicted person from exercising its activity for a period determined at the discretion of court if the violation was committed in the name or for the benefit of this legal person.

**Article (21)**

Without prejudice to any more severe penalty provided for in any other Law, any person who discloses any secret of the work or data of the population register or any other information or collective statistics registered in the Authority-which was disclosed to him as per his work- shall be punished by imprisonment for a period no less than three months and not exceeding three years.

**Section 5: General Provisions**

**Article (22)**

The implementation of the population register and ID card system shall be as per the stages determined by the Board based on the proposal of the Director General.

**Article (23)**

The patterns pertaining to the enforcement of the provisions of this Law shall be determined by a decision of the Board based on the proposal of the Director General.

**Article (24)**

The fees of the procedures pertaining to the enforcement of the provisions of this Law shall be determined by a decision of the Board based on the proposal of the Director General.

**Article (25)**

A national committee may, by a decision of the cabinet based on the proposal of the Board, be formed to review the individual data before being registered in the population register or any other registers of the Authority; the decision to be issued for forming the committee shall determine its jurisdictions. The executive regulations of this Law shall determine the procedures of this committee work.

**Article (26)**

The executive regulations of this Law shall determine the procedures of correction of the individual data and the civil facts which were previously registered in the population system.

**Article (27)**

The data registered in the card, the population register and any other registers of the Authority and the certificates and the official copies obtained therefrom shall be deemed to be affirmed, unless they are proven to be contradicting, invalid or forged under a final judicial judgment.

**Article (28)**

The chairman shall hereby have the right to delegate the deputy chairman to conduct some of his jurisdictions, and the deputy chairman shall replace the chairman upon his absence.

**Article (29)**

The Minister of Justice shall issue, in agreement with the chairman, a decision on giving some employees of the Authority the capacity of judicial officers to monitor any violation of the provisions of this Law and the decisions issued for enforcement thereof, each in his jurisdiction.

**Section 6: Final Provisions**

**Article (30)**

The chairman shall issue, after approval of the Board, the executive regulations of this Law.

**Article (31)**

Any provision contradicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this Law shall be repealed**.**

**Article (32)**

This Law shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall enter into force from the day following the date of publication**.**

**Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan,**

**President of the United Arab Emirates**

**It was promulgated by us at the Presidential Palace in Abu Dhabi,**

**Date: Muharram 21, 1437 A.H.**

**Corresponding to: November 3, 2015 A.D**

**Decision No (10) of the Year 2016**

**On the Executive Regulations of the Federal Law No. (9) of the Year 2016**

**On the Population Register and ID Card System**

**The Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors:**

Having taken cognizance of the

* Federal Law No. (17) of the year 1972 A.D. on the Nationality and Passports, and the amending Laws thereof;
* Federal Law No. (6) of the year 1973 A.D. on Entry and Residence of the Foreigners , and the amending Laws thereof; and
* Federal Law No. (6) of the year 1975 A.D. on the Organization of Births and Deaths Registry, and the amending Laws thereof; and
* Federal Law No. (8) of the year 1980 A.D. on the Organization of Labour Relations , and the amending Laws thereof; and
* Federal Law No. (21) of the year 1995 A.D. on the Traffic, and the amending Laws thereof; and the Executive Regulations thereof; and
* Federal Decree - law No. (9) of the year 2006 A.D. on the Population Register and ID Card System; and
* Federal Decree - Law No. (2) of the year 2004 A.D. on Establishment of Emirates Identity Authority; and
* Federal Decree No. (80) of the year 2004 A.D. on Forming the Board of Directors of the Emirates Identity Authority; and the Decision of the Cabinet No. (14) of the year 2005 A.D. on the Fees for the Registration and Issuance of the ID Card, and the Amendments thereof; and
* The Decision of the Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors No. (15) of the year 2006 A.D. on the Fees for Registration and Issuance of the ID Card to the citizens of GCC; and
* The Decision of the Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors No. (21) of the year 2006 A.D. on the Organizational Structure of the Emirates Identity Authority; and
* Pursuant to the proposal of the Director General of the Authority, and the approval of the Board of Directors; and
* The Requirements of Good Progress and the Welfare of Work,

We enacted the following Regulations**:**

**Definitions**

**Article (1)[[17]](#footnote-17)**

In enforcement of this Decree - law, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings situated next to each one of them, unless the context indicates otherwise:

**The State**: State of United Arab Emirates

**Law:** The Federal Law No. (9) of the year 2006 on the Population Register and ID Card System.

**Decree – law:** The Federal Decree – law No. (2) of the year 2004 on Establishment of Emirates Identity Authority

**Board**: The Board of Director of the Authority

**Chairman**: The chairman of the Board of Directors of the Emirates Identity Authority

**Deputy:** The Deputy of Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Emirates Identity Authority

**Director:** The General Director of the Emirates Identity Authority

**Regulations**: The executive regulations of the Federal Law No. (9) of the year 2006 A.D., issued under this decision and any amendments to be added thereto in the future.

Population Register: The Register of population in the State, which includes the citizens and the legally residents, and the individual data and the civil facts.

Competent Administration: The Administration of the population register in the Emirates Identity Authority.

**Registration Centers:** The centers, units or stations concerned about registration of the persons desirous to be registered in the population register system.

**The Competent Employee**: The employee competent for registration, updating or amendment of the data given by the concerned parties.

**Individual Data**: The data which belongs to each person, including fingerprints in any shape whatsoever- blood type- name and date of changing it, if any- address and domicile- place and date of birth- gender- religion- nationality- residence for non-citizens- marital status- registration number of the parents, husband, wife or children- academic certificate and specialty- job or profession and work place and any other data determined by the Board based on proposal of the Director General.

**Collected Statistics**: The total numbers of one or more of the statements of the population data registered in the Authority, to be used for concluding social, economic, security and cultural indicators or otherwise.

**Card**: ID card is issued in accordance with the provisions of the Law.

**ID Number**: The unified number which is provided for in the Decree – law.

**Resident:** The citizen residing legally in the State.

**Sons of GCC:** Each person having any of the nationalities of States of the Gulf Cooperation Council.

Manual: The manual of the policies and procedures of the registration of persons.

**Surname:** A name given to a person other than his first name**,** namely, the name prior to the person's name (such as, Sheikh, His Excellency, Your Honor)

**Creation of the System and Registration therein**

**Article (2)[[18]](#footnote-18)**

A population register system shall be created in the State. It shall be concerned about the individual data and the civil facts of the citizens and non-citizens residing legally in the State, including:

First: The Registers certified for the ID card issuance:

1. The register of citizens.
2. The register of the sons of GCC.
3. The register of the residents legally in the State.

The ID card shall be issued to the persons registered in the aforesaid registers only, unless the Board decides otherwise.

Second: The Miscellaneous Registers: They contain the data of any other categories not included in the categories identified in the Clause" First" and no ID cards shall be issued for them, unless the Board decides otherwise.

**Registration in the Register**

**Article (3)**

All the individual data and the civil facts of the persons shall be registered in the Register System through the centers, units and stations of record and registration widespread in the different Emirates, cities and areas, as well as through all the concerned entities which are coordinated and connected with the population register system, for the purpose of the initial record and registration and for getting all the necessary data of the registered persons; taking into consideration to update the data for any recent developments or changes to the individual data and the civil facts.

Article (4)[[19]](#footnote-19)

* The record of births shall start in the departments, offices and units competent for record of the births, which are widespread in all the departments, hospitals or the healthcare centers in all the Emirates, cities and areas of the State. The record shall be conducted by getting the individual information of the infant, including (the name - place and date of birth- blood type- gender- religion- nationality- registration number of the parents, husband, wife or children for the citizens- the ID number of the parents, residence of parents or either of them (the sponsor) for the non-citizens).
* The infant who has been registered in the population register system shall obtain an unchangeable, fixed ID number.
* All the concerned entities shall write this number in all the transactions, registers and files pertaining to the person, and shall be used for organization and saving the transactions, registers and files to be a fixed reference for the verification of the person ID during all his life, without prejudice to the methods of organization and saving followed by such entities.
* In all cases, the new infants shall be registered whether by the administrative entities or by their parents- and the equivalents- no later than (120) days as of the date of birth.

**Registration of Adults**

* The concerned parties shall be bound upon registration in the population register system to bring the passports, the family book and the valid residence for the residents, and they shall give all their own individual data determined by the law, complete the forms and give the necessary data and information for registration.
* All the concerned entities shall write down this number in the transactions, registers and files pertaining to the persons, and shall use this number for organizing and saving such transactions, registers and files, without prejudice to the methods of organization and saving followed by such entities.

**Unified Number**

**Article (6)**

The unified number given to the person and registered in the population register may not be given or used by another person, for any circumstances and reasons whatsoever.

**Persons subject to registration in the Register**

**Article (7)[[20]](#footnote-20)**

All the persons covered by the provisions of the law and the executive regulations thereof shall go to be registered in the population register system on the dates and stages determined by the Authority as per the plan of record and registration which are certified by the Board and publicized in all the mass media.

This obligation shall apply to the householder for his:

1. Parents, if any, wife, minor children, as well as his adult children and the relatives under his support and residing with him.
2. Servants and the equivalents.

The application for registration shall be submitted by the concerned party in person, the parent, guardian, custodian or the agent under an official power of attorney documented by the competent authority or the delegate authorized by the concerned party. In all cases, the registration procedures shall be completed as per the requirements of the record and registration in the population register system through giving a personal photo of the concerned party, the certified signature and the determined fingerprints for the persons over the age of 15 and any data or requirements required to complete the procedures of record and registration.

* The Director General-or his deputy- may exempt the cases that are not mentioned in the manual from setting fingerprints and taking a photo; he shall stall the reasons in periodical reports to be submitted to the executive committee of the Authority.

**Providing Information and Updating Data**

**Article (8)**

All the concerned entities, each under its jurisdiction, shall notify the Authority of any individual data or civil facts or any change or amendment to such data or facts within a maximum period of two months as of the occurrence of fact.

The Authority shall, in coordination with the concerned entities, make the forms to be certified for the purpose of identification of the individual data or civil facts pertaining to the persons, and set the mechanism and the method of providing the Authority with such data and facts immediately after being occurred, without prejudice to the dates prescribed in this Article.

**Article (9)**

The persons registered in the population register system shall be bound to notify the Authority of any change or amendment to the individual data or civil facts pertaining to the persons or their deputies within a maximum period of a month as of the occurrence of the fact, amendment or change.

The Authority shall indentify the forms, method and way for updating the data based on the proposal of the Director General and the approval of the Board.

**Article (10)**

* The Authority shall have the right to request the private legal persons covered by the provisions of this Law and the executive regulations thereof to give their own data or information, so long as this is necessary for the accuracy and proper progress of work in the population register system or for other registers of the Authority
* The data and information shall be given within a maximum period of a month as of the date of occurrence.
* The concerned party shall give the data and information to the nearest registration center or through any other way certified by the Authority in the future.

**Data on Card**

**Article (12)[[21]](#footnote-21)**

The ID card shall have the necessary data for identification of the holder's identity, and shall contain visible data and other invisible data stored in the E-chip in the card.

The ID card shall have the following visible information:

1. ID card.
2. Name.
3. Surname.
4. Date of Birth.
5. Gender.
6. Validity.
7. Card Number.
8. The certified Signature on card.
9. E-chip.

The card further has information stored in the E-chip and this information shall electronically be readable, it is the remainder of the individual data and civil facts which don't appear on the card.

**Card Validity**

**Article (13) [[22]](#footnote-22)**

* The validity of the ID card of the citizens shall be from 5 to 10 Georgian years based on the request of the concerned party.
* The validity of the ID card of the sons of GCC shall be from 1 to 5 years.
* The validity of the ID card of the residents shall depend on the validity of their legal residence.
* The ID card shall not confer the non-citizen holder the right of residence, unless he has the residence in accordance with the applicable laws in this respect.

**ID Card Issuance**

**Article (14)[[23]](#footnote-23)**

Taking into consideration all the decisions issued by the Board, the obtainment, renewal or replacement of the ID card shall be conducted by submitting an application from the concerned party or his legally deputy, whether through attendance of the applicant in person or through any other method determined by a decision of the Board based on the proposal of Director General.

The following documents shall be enclosed with the application:

1. The old ID card- if any.
2. The original passport and the official residence in the State or the entry permit for residence or work, as the case may require, for the non-citizen.
3. The family book for the citizens.
4. The exhibit of payment of the fee.

* Provided that the transaction shall be cancelled in case of incompletion of the procedures by the customer within 60 days as of the date of payment of the fees.
* In case of inexistence of amendment to the ID card, the customer shall be exempted from providing the original and copy of the documents above-mentioned upon renewal or replacement of the ID card.

**Obligations of the ID card Holder**

**Article (15)**

The holder of card shall observe:

1. Not to misuse, delete, amend or deform the ID card.
2. To hold the ID card all the times and to appear it upon request in accordance with the law.
3. To comply with the dates and the legal procedures for renewal, replacement or delivery of the ID card.
4. To notify the competent department in the Authority of any change to the data contained in the ID card within a month as of the date of occurrence of the change, provided that the holder shall submit an application enclosed with the documents to update the data stored in the chip or to obtain a new alternative card upon occurrence of change to the printed data (stored) on the card.
5. Not to include E-certificates or any information other than the information provided by the Authority.
6. To notify the Authority of the data stored in the E-chip of the ID card if it appears to be incorrect.

The parent or the deputy of the holder of the ID card shall legally bear the responsibility of fulfillment of the said obligations.

**Loss of ID Card**

**Article (16)**

If a person loses his ID card, he shall notify the Authority through any of the registration centers annexed thereto within 7 days as of the date of knowing the occurrence of this loss, and he shall apply for obtaining a replacement of the lost card and pay the fees determined. If the person found his lost card after notifying Authority of the loss and before the Authority issues a new card, he shall keep it, provided that he shall come to the concerned registration center to report this matter, in order for the registration center to take the necessary action in this respect.

If this person has obtained the replacement of his lost card, he shall notify the concerned registration center of this matter and shall deliver the old card to be cancelled.

**Finding a Card**

**Article (17)**

If any person finds an ID card, he shall not have the right to legally possess it and must deliver it immediately to the nearest registration center or the nearest police station.

**Damage of a Card**

**Article (18)**

If any ID card is damaged, wholly or partially, to the extent that it became unusable, the holder of the ID card shall notify the nearest registration center of the occurrence of damage within 7 days of the date of knowing this matter, and shall come to submit an application for obtaining a replacement of his lost card and shall pay the fees imposed.

**Amendment and Updating Data**

**Article (19)[[24]](#footnote-24)**

The holder of ID card shall submit an application for the amendment of the invisible data on his card within a maximum period of one month as of his discovery of the data inconsistent with the correct data he provided to the concerned center upon submission of the application. In this case, the data shall be amended and a new ID card shall be issued for free.

If the data and information contained in the E-chip are amended immediately after occurrence of the change or the amendment based on the new data provided by the concerned party or the concerned entities, the amendment shall completely be made for free.

**Delivery of a Card to Authority**

**Article (20)**

The person and entity-as the case may require-shall deliver the ID card which is held, given or found to the nearest registration center in the following cases:

1. Death of the holder of card.
2. Removal of the reasons for which the ID card was obtained.
3. Final departure of the non-citizen from the State, except the citizens of GCC, provided that the card shall be delivered before the date of departure and immediately after cancellation of the residence.
4. Giving up or denaturalization of nationality.

**Cancellation of an ID Card**

**Article (21)**

The ID card shall be cancelled for the following cases:

1. Death of the holder.
2. Delivery of card to the Authority or any of the registration centers annexed thereto in the cases stated in Article (20) of this Decision, provided that the competent employee shall cancel it as of the date of delivery.
3. Delivery of the card by its holder to the Authority or to any of the registration centers annexed thereto in case of occurrence of any of the reasons stated in Article (19) of this Decision.
4. Non-receipt of the card by the concerned party within 2 months as of the date of issuance.
5. Existence of one of the cases contained in Article (20) within 30 days as of the date of occurrence.

The said periods may be extended based on the proposal of the Director General.

The Authority shall have the right to publish the lists of the cancelled ID cards in the manner determined by a decision of the Director General.

**Usages of Card**

**(Article 22)**

The competent, concerned entities may obtain official copies of the data registered in the population register from the Authority, so long as it is necessary for exercising their jurisdictions and within these jurisdictions.

The competent, concerned entities shall submit an application by an official letter to the Authority, including the required data and the reasons and necessity of this application, the entities shall be bound to preserve the absolute confidentiality of the obtained information, abstain from publishing or conferring or using it personally, unless the approval of the concerned party is obtained, or under a decision or a judicial judgment issued by a competent court.

**Article (24)**

The Director General may give comprehensive, miscellaneous, statistic data for the purpose of the scientific research and societal and population studies; provided that he shall observe the following:

1. The concerned party or entity shall submit an application in writing to get the statistic information.
2. Complete the form designated for this purpose, and indicate the type of the required information and the reasons and purposes thereof.
3. The required information shall not include individual data of specific persons.
4. The application submitted shall be enclosed with an official letter from the concerned entity for the result of research.
5. The objective of getting the required information shall be for conducting scientific, societal and population researches and studies for United Arab Emirates.

**Rejection and Compliant**

**Article (25)**

The Director General shall have the right to reject the application submitted by persons in accordance with Article (24) of this Decision; in this case the applicant shall be notified in writing of the rejection after verification of the benefit of such information.

The applicant may file a complaint against the decision of rejection before the Director General within 30 days as of the date of notification of rejection, on the form prepared for this purpose and the decision issued by the Chairman shall be final.

**Registration Stages and Programs**

**Article (26)**

The record and registration programs of the citizens and residents in the population registration and ID card systems shall be executed in accordance with the plans and strategies of the registration and stages certified by the Board and they shall be published in all the mass media.

**Forms**

**Article (27)**

The forms of enforcement of the provisions of law and the executive regulations thereof issued under this Decision shall be determined by the decision of the Director General based on the approval of the Board.

**Fees**

**Article (28)**

The fees of the procedures, data and information pertaining to the enforcement of the provisions of law and the executive regulations thereof under this Decision by a decision of the cabinet based on the Board.

**Final Provisions**

**Article (29)**

* The Director General shall issue the decisions and explanatory circulars and the necessary forms for the executive regulations issued under this Decision.
* The chairman or his deputy shall, as the case may require, issue all the required regulations and decisions for enforcement of the provisions of this Decision before the date of being effective.

**Article (30)**

This Decision shall be published in the official gazette, and shall enter into force as of 1/1/2008 A.D.

**Saif Bin Zayed Al Nahian**

**Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors**

1. Published in the official gazette on (October 13, 2004), Edition (420). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Published in the official gazette on (February 27, 2013), Edition (546). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Published in the official gazette on (August 9, 2017), Edition (620). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. The Article was amended under a Federal Decree – law No. (3) of the year2017, which provided for that the phrase (the Federal Authority for Identity and Citizenship) shall be replaced by the phease (Emirated Identity Authority), contained in the headline of the Federal Decree – law No. (2) of the year 2004, and in any other Articles or laws whatsoever. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Article (2) was amended under Decree of Federal Law No. (3) of the year 2017. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Article (4) was amended under Decree of Federal Law No. (3) of the year 2017. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. Article (6) was amended under Decree of Federal Law No. (3) of the year 2017. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. Article (8) was amended under Decree of Federal Law No. (3) of the year 2017. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. Article (9) was amended under Decree of Federal Law No. (1) of the year 2013. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. Article (11) was amended under the Decree of the Federal Law No. (3) of the year 2017. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
11. [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
12. This provision was repealed under a following legislation, as Article 62 of the Decree of Federal Law No. 8 of 2011 on the rules of preparation of a general budget and final account provides for (All the Federal entities shall submit all the surplus of execution of their annual budgets to the Ministry within 30 days after approval of the cabinet for the final account law draft). [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
13. Article (21 bis 1-2) was amended under the Decree of Federal Decree - law No. (3) of the year 2017. [↑](#footnote-ref-13)
14. It was published in the official gazette on (November 15, 2015) [↑](#footnote-ref-14)
15. Article No. (10) was amended under a Federal Law No. (9) of the year 2015. [↑](#footnote-ref-15)
16. Article No. (16) was amended under Federal Law No. (9) of the year 2015. [↑](#footnote-ref-16)
17. Article No. (1) was amended under the decision No. (5) of the year 2010 and the Decisions No. (10) of the year 2016 [↑](#footnote-ref-17)
18. Article No. (2) was amended under the Decision No. (5) of the year 2010 [↑](#footnote-ref-18)
19. Article No. (4) was amended under the decision No. (10) of the year 2006 [↑](#footnote-ref-19)
20. Article (7) was amended under the Decision No. (10) of the year 2016 [↑](#footnote-ref-20)
21. Article No. (12) was amended under the Decision No. (10) of the year 2016 [↑](#footnote-ref-21)
22. Article No. (13) was amended under the Decision No. (10) of the year 2016 [↑](#footnote-ref-22)
23. Article No. (14) was amended under the Decision No. (10) of the year 2016 [↑](#footnote-ref-23)
24. Article No. (19) was amended under the Decision No. (10) of the year 2016 [↑](#footnote-ref-24)