

**Ministry of Technology, Communication and Innovation**  
**Mauritius National Identity Scheme**

**Press Communiqué**

**Validity of Old Paper Laminated National Identity Card**

Further to the Press Communiqué dated 17 March 2017, the public is hereby informed that the validity of the old paper laminated ID card has been extended to 30 April 2017.

This measure has been warranted in view of the increasing number of citizens attending the two National Identity centres since the last communiqué issued.

In fact, since 15 March 2017, a total number of 5,367 citizens have registered for conversion of their ID cards in the two National Identity Card Centres. Further for this week ending 31 March 2017, 3000 bookings have already been made and the number of requests keeps increasing.

The Ministry of Technology, Communication and Innovation is maintaining the hours of operation of the National Identity Card Centres of Port Louis and Rose Hill which will be open from 09:00 to 18:00 hrs.

The public is hereby informed that:

- (i) Mauritian citizens presently abroad;
- (ii) Mauritian citizens who are seriously ill; and
- (iii) Mauritian citizens who are unable to apply for the ID cards for other compelling and reasonable grounds

may still apply for their ID card at the first opportunity after 30 April 2017 supported by documentary evidence justifying their late application (e.g. passport, medical certificate, etc).

In addition, those citizens attaining the age of 18 have a period of six months to apply for their ID card.

The public is also informed that there are some 12,000 ID cards, which still need to be collected. Those persons who had previously applied for their ID cards but have not yet collected same can do so at the following National Identity Card Centres:

1. **NPF Building, Rose Hill** for all cards which were to be collected in Rose Hill, i.e. collection site is **Rose Hill**
2. **Civil Status Office, Fisherman Street, Port Mathurin, Rodrigues** for all cards which were to be collected in **Rodrigues**, i.e. collection site is Rodrigues
3. **Emmanuel Anquetil Building, Port Louis** for all cards which were to be collected in the island of Mauritius except for Rose Hill, e.g. **Ebene, Vacoas, Mahebourg, Bambous, Quatre Bornes, Goodlands, Flacq, Labourdonnais Conversion Centre**.

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