

Ministry of Technology, Communication and Innovation

Mauritius National Identity Scheme

Press Communiqué

Application for National Identity Card

In view of the validity of the old paper laminated ID card, which expires on 31 March 2017, the Ministry of Technology, Communication and Innovation has made arrangements to facilitate members of the public to convert their old paper laminated ID Card to the new smart ID card by setting up additional counters and extending the hours of operation of the National Identity Card Centres.

In this context, the public is hereby informed that the National Identity Card Centres of Port Louis and Rose Hill will be exceptionally open as follows:

Weekdays

The National Identity Card Centres will be open during weekdays from Monday 20 March 2017 to Friday 31 March 2017 from 09:00 to 18:00 hrs.

Weekends

Saturday 18 and 25 March 2017 from 9:00 hrs to 18:00 hrs
Sunday 19 and 26 March 2017 from 9:00 hrs 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 card for other compelling and reasonable grounds

may still apply for their ID card at the first opportunity after 31 March 2017 supported by documentary evidence justifying their late application (e.g. passport, medical certificate, etc).

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.**

For more information or clarification, please contact the MNIS team on 468 1594/ 468 1595.

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