



Obtaining a National Identity Card in Kenya

GUIDE

Understand the Importance of a National (ID)

The National Identity Card is a crucial document in Kenya, used for identification purposes in various transactions, including voting, opening bank accounts, accessing government services, and more.

It serves as proof of citizenship and legal residence within Kenya.

Eligibility Requirements

Citizenship: Applicants must be Kenyan citizens.

Age: Individuals who have reached the age of 18 years or above are eligible to apply.

Proof of Identity and Citizenship: Documents such as birth certificates, passports, or other official identification documents are required.

Gather Necessary Documents

- Original and photocopies of birth certificate or valid Kenyan passport.
- Two passport-size photos.
- Additional identification documents if required.

Application Process

1. **Online Application:** Visit the official website of the National Integrated Identity Management System (NIIMS) to fill out the application form online. Provide accurate information and upload required documents.

2. **In-person Application:**

- Visit a Huduma Centre or the nearest Registration Center.
- Obtain and fill out the National ID application form (Form A).
- Submit the completed form along with necessary documents to the registration officer.
- Biometric data (fingerprints and facial photograph) will be captured during the application process.

Payment of Fees & Verification Process

There might be nominal fees associated with the application process. Check with the relevant authorities for the current fee structure.

The submitted information and documents are verified by the authorities to ensure accuracy and authenticity.

Collection of National Identity Card

- Once the application is processed and approved, applicants are notified to collect their National Identity Card.
- Collection is usually done at the same registration center where the application was submitted.
- Applicants are required to present the notification slip received during the application process for identity verification.

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