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THE PASSPORTS ACT

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THE PASSPORT (CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY) REGULATIONS 2000

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 20 of the Passports Act, I, EDMUND ANDRESEN, Minister for Commerce, Employment & Tourism, do hereby make the following regulations:

- 1. These Regulations may be cited as the Passports (Certificate of Identity) Regulations 2000 and shall come into operation on the date of publication in the Gazette.
- 2. (1) Any application for a Certificate of Identity shall be made to the Passport Officer in the appropriate form as used in an application for a passport witnessed by an approved person and shall be accompanied by -

- (a) sufficient proof of the applicant's citizenship;
- (b) sufficient proof of the applicant's age, and in the case of a woman, marital status;
- (c) two copies of recent photograph of the applicant to the satisfaction of the Passports Officer, one copy of which shall be certified on the reverse by the approved person witnessing the application; and
- (d) the prescribed fee.
- (2) For the purposes of this Regulation, an approved person shall be such persons as provided for under Regulation 2(2) of the Passport Regulation.

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- 3. (1) A Certificate of identity shall be issued at the Office of the Passport Officer during official hours.
 - (2) A Certificate of Identity may be obtained through the post provided that the appropriate fee in the form of cash, money order or bank cheque payable to the Solomon Islands Government is forwarded with the application.
- 4. (1) The wife or husband of a Citizen of Solomon Islands who has not acquired Solomon Islands Citizenship shall not be included in her husband or wife's Certificate of Identity.
 - (2) Any particular of the holder of a Certificate of Identity once written in the Certificate of Identity shall not be amended and in the event of a change of any particulars in a Certificate of Identity a new Certificate of Identity must be applied for.
 - (3) A Certificate of Identity issued to a holder, which includes particulars of the holder's wife, husband

or child, is not available for the wife, husband or child's use when travelling alone.

- 5. (1) A Certificate of Identity shall cease to be valid for one year from the date of issue.
 - (2) A Certificate of Identity shall cease to be valid from the date the holder is issued a national passport.
 - (3) On the expiration of one year from the date of issue and upon the holder not being issued a national passport, a new Certificate of Identity shall be applied for.
 - (4) Additional sheets shall not be attached to a Certificate of Identity.
- 6. (1) A Certificate of Identity shall be issued to a citizen of Solomon Islands irrespective of whether such a person is under sixteen years of age.
 - (2) An application for a Certificate of Identity made by a person under the age of sixteen years shall contain a declaration made by the parent or guardian of such person giving consent to the issue of such Certificate of Identity.
- 7. (1) Certificate of Identity shall be issued to citizens of Solomon Islands applying therefore if all the conditions prescribed for the issue of such Certificate of Identity are met.
 - (2) A Certificate of Identity shall only be issued where:-
 - (a) A citizen of Solomon Islands needs to travel on urgent medical evacuation overseas and where it is not possible for a national passport to be issued:

- (b) A citizen has lost his national passport overseas and needs to immediately travel to Solomon Islands or other Countries in order to get to Solomon Islands and that the circumstances are such that it is not possible for a national passport to be issued; and
- (c) any other very urgent circumstances where it is impossible to issue a national passport as deemed appropriate by the Passport Officer.
- (3) An applicant already in possession of a valid Solomon Islands Passport shall not be issued a Certificate of Identity.
- (4) An applicant already in possession of a national passport of another country, who by virtue of Solomon Islands laws is also entitled to a Solomon Islands Passport, shall first surrender his national passport of the Country that he holds before being issued with a Certificate of Identity.
- 8. Certificates of Identity are only available for travel to the Country or Countries named therein but may be endorsed for additional Countries. The possession of a Certificate of Identity so endorsed does not exempt the holder from compliance with any immigration regulations in force in the Countries which he intends to visit or travel through or from the necessity of obtaining a visa when required.
- 9. A Certificate of Identity shall not be issued on behalf of a person already abroad. Any person already abroad requiring the issue of a Certificate of Identity must apply to the nearest Passport Officer or issuing authority.
- 10. (1) Any person whose Certificate of Identity has been lost, stolen, or damaged shall make every effort to obtain recovery thereof and shall forth with report any such loss, theft or damage to the Police.

- (2) The Passport Officer shall not replace a lost, stolen or damaged Certificate of Identity until he is satisfied that the owner of such Certificate of Identity has taken every reasonable steps to recover it.
- (3) Application for the replacement of a lost, stolen or damaged Certificate of Identity shall be made to the Passport Officer in the same manner as application is required to be made for the issue of a new Certificate of Identity.
- 11. The following fees shall be charged by the Passport Officer under these Regulations.

Issue of a Certificate of Identity - \$60.00

Replacement of a damaged Certificate of Identity - \$120.00

Replacement of lost or stolen

\$120.00

Made at Honiara this seventh day of March 2000.

Certificate of Identity

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