

# **Aliens (Registration and Control Act) 1985 (Ch 61)**

## **CHAPTER 61**

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## CHAPTER 61

### THE ALIENS (REGISTRATION AND CONTROL) ACT.

*Commencement:* 1 January, 1985.

#### **An Act to provide for the registration and control of aliens.**

##### **1. Interpretation.**

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

1. “alien” means any person who is not a citizen of Uganda;
2. “Minister” means the Minister responsible for internal affairs.

##### **2. Registration of aliens.**

1. Every alien shall be required to register himself or herself within thirty days of his or her arrival in Uganda and shall furnish full particulars of himself or herself to the registration officers as is required in Form A prescribed in the Schedule to this Act.
2. Any alien who, at the commencement of this Act, is already resident in Uganda shall register himself or herself within such a time as the Minister may by statutory instrument prescribe.
3. Every alien may be required by the registration officer—
  1. to produce a valid passport or other official document of identity to establish his or her identity and nationality;
  2. to bring two passport size photographs of himself or herself;
  3. to give such other information as may be required by the registration officer.

##### **3. Registration certificate.**

(1) The commissioner or officers designated by him or her shall issue a certificate of registration as prescribed in Form B in the Schedule to this Act as proof of the registration of that person.

(2) An alien shall produce his or her registration certificate and his or her entry permit within seven days, for inspection, whenever required to do so by an immigration officer or police officer of or above the rank of assistant inspector.

#### **4. Application.**

(1) Sections 2 and 3 shall not apply to the following aliens residing in Uganda—

1. an alien in possession of a valid in-transit pass issued under the Immigration Regulations;
2. an alien who is in possession of a valid visitors pass whose period of stay does not exceed three months;
3. an alien refugee.

(2) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as affecting the diplomatic privileges.

#### **5. Registration centres and officers.**

1. The Minister shall determine and designate any immigration office or police station to be registration centres and shall cause the registration centres to be published in the Uganda Gazette.
2. Every immigration officer appointed under the Immigration Act and police officer of or above the rank of assistant inspector shall be a registration officer.
3. The Minister may appoint additional registration officers.

#### **6. Register.**

The commissioner for immigration shall keep a register for all aliens in the country indicating their local addresses, and any alien who leaves the country or acquires citizenship shall be struck off the register.

#### **7. Prohibition.**

1. No alien shall be a member of an executive committee of a trade union, a youth movement or a cooperative society in Uganda.
2. No alien shall form, manage or join a political party, or play any part in politics in Uganda.

## **8. Surrender of certificate.**

A registration certificate shall be surrendered to a registration officer—

1. on the holder acquiring citizenship of Uganda;
2. on the holder's departure from Uganda with no intention of returning;
3. on the death of the holder.

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### **Power to make rules.**

(1) The Minister may make rules imposing restrictions on aliens and, in particular, provisions for—

1. the deportation of aliens from Uganda;
2. requiring aliens to reside or remain within certain places or areas;
3. prohibiting aliens from residing or remaining in any specified areas;
4. the appointment of officers and for conferring on those officers such powers as may be necessary or expedient for carrying these rules into effect;
5. imposing penalties on persons who aid or abet any contravention of the rules, and imposing such obligations and restrictions on persons who may be specified in the rules as may be necessary or expedient for the purposes of the rules;
6. conferring upon such persons as may be specified in the rules such powers with respect to arrest, detention, search of premises or persons as may be specified in the rules;
7. any other matter which appears necessary or expedient for the better regulation of the movement of aliens into and within Uganda.

(2) Any provision of any rule made under this section with respect to aliens may relate either to aliens in general or to any class or description of aliens.

(3) If any question arises on any proceedings under any such rules, or with reference to anything done or proposed to be done under any such rules, whether any person is an alien or not, or is an alien of a particular class or not, the onus of proof that, that person is not an alien, or as the case may be, is not an alien of that class, shall lie upon that person.

(4) Any powers given under this section, or under any rules made under this section, shall be in addition to, and not in derogation of, any other powers with respect to the expulsion of aliens, or the prohibition of aliens from entering Uganda or any other powers of the Minister.

## **10. Regulations.**

The Minister may make regulations generally for better carrying out the provisions of this Act.

## **11. Offences and penalties.**

1. Any person who contravenes the provisions of this Act or any rule made under it, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand shillings or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding three years and the court before which he or she is convicted may, either concurrently with or in lieu of any such punishment, require that person to enter into recognisances with or without sureties to comply with the provisions of this Act or rules or such provisions of this Act or rules as the court may direct.
2. If any person fails to comply with the order of the court requiring him or her to enter into recognisances the court may order him or her to be imprisoned for a term not exceeding six months.

## **12. Incitement to sedition, etc.**

1. If any alien attempts or does any act calculated or likely to cause sedition or disaffection among any of the Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces, or against the civilian population of Uganda, he or she is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding ten years.
2. If any alien promotes or attempts to promote industrial unrest in any industry in which he or she has not been bona fide engaged for at least two years immediately preceding in Uganda, he or she is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years.
3. Nothing in this section shall in any way affect liability of any person to be prosecuted under the Penal Code Act or any other Act or law in force in Uganda.

*Schedule.*

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**Forms.**

Republic of Uganda

Form A.

Registration of Aliens.

*The Aliens (Registration and Control) Act.*

1. Full name

*(surname first in block letters)*

Sex

2. Address of place of residence or intended place of residence and

postal address in Uganda

3. If ever known by any other name, give same in full

4. Nationality *(stating whether by birth, naturalisation or marriage, if by naturalisation or marriage, also state nationality by birth)*

5. Place and date of birth

6. Number, date and place of issue of passport or other valid travel

document

7. Date of entry into Uganda

Place of entry into Uganda

8. Occupation

9. Name and address of employer in Uganda (if any)

Position held

10. Proposed length of time intended to remain in Uganda

11. Length of time resident in Uganda in the past with dates

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12. Civil state (*if married, give names of wife, husband and children; state if accompanying*)

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13. Number and date of expiry of entry permit (if any)

14. I declare that the above particulars are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date Signature (*or thumbprint*)

15. Photograph:

For Official Use Only.

Form B.

Certificate of Registration.

*The Aliens (Registration and Control) Act.*

*(Produce this certificate if required to do so by any police officer or  
immigration officer).*

Photograph

Signature of holder Thumbprint and fingerprints of holder

Signature of issuing officer Signature of registration officer

Date of issue

Valid until \_\_\_\_\_

Place of issue

Name (in full) (*block letters*)

Alias (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth

Country and place of birth

Passport or other documents as to identity and nationality

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Marital status \_\_\_\_

Further registration particulars

Immigration status \_\_\_\_

Endorsements and remarks \_\_\_\_\_

This certificate remains the property of the Government of Uganda. If found, it should be delivered without undue delay to its holder or to the nearest immigration office or police station.

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Cross References**

Immigration Act, Cap 63. Immigration Regulations. Penal Code Act, Cap. 120.