

LAWS OF THE GILBERT ISLANDS  
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CHAPTER 86

REGISTRATION OF ALIENS

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**An Ordinance to provide for the registration of aliens**

4 of 1956  
10 of 1967  
8 of 1968  
8 of 1971  
9 of 1971  
(Cap. 80 of  
1973)  
L.N. 16/74

*Commencement: 1st July 1957* G.N. 32/57.

1. (1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Registration of Aliens Ordinance. Short title  
and applica-  
tion

(2) This Ordinance shall not extend to Canton Island or Enderbury Island.

2. In this Ordinance unless the context otherwise requires— Interpretation  
“alien” means a person of the age of 16 years or over who is not a British subject, a British protected person or a citizen of the Republic of Ireland;  
“registration officer” means a registration officer appointed under section 5.

Registration  
by aliens  
arriving in  
the Gilbert  
Islands

3. (1) Every alien who arrives in the Gilbert Islands shall make application for registration in the manner set out in section 4 within 28 days of the date of his arrival.

(2) Every person who becomes an alien as herein defined whether by attaining the age of 16 years or otherwise howsoever shall within 28 days make application for registration in the manner set out in section 4.

Application  
for registra-  
tion  
Schedule

4. (1) Every application for registration shall be in writing in duplicate, in the Form A in the Schedule, and shall be made by delivering the same personally to an administrative officer or to the officer in charge of a police station who shall issue a receipt to the applicant as in Form B in the Schedule.

(2) Every such application shall be signed by the applicant in person with his usual signature, unless he is unable to write, in which case he shall, in the presence of the administrative officer or of the police officer to whom application is made, affix to the application such thumb print or finger prints or other means of identification as the administrative officer or police officer may require.

Application  
to be for-  
warded to  
registration  
officer

5. The administrative officer or police officer to whom the application is made shall, upon receipt thereof, forward the same to the person appointed by the Governor to be the registration officer for the district in which the applicant resides.

Issue of  
certificate of  
registration  
Schedule

6. The registration officer shall file the application in his office and issue a certificate of registration in the Form C in the Schedule, 1 copy of which shall be retained in his office, 1 copy forward to the Governor with the duplicate of the application, and 1 copy delivered to the alien on his application at the place where his application for registration was delivered.

Notice to be  
given of  
change of  
abode or  
departure

7. (1) Every alien who after receipt of his certificate of registration shall change his place of abode shall within 14 days of such change notify an administrative officer or officer in charge of the police station nearest to his new place of abode.

(2) Every alien who after receipt of his certificate of registration is about to leave the Gilbert Islands shall notify an administrative officer or the officer in charge of the police station nearest to his place of abode of his intention to leave the Islands.

Register of  
Aliens

8. The Governor shall cause to be compiled a register of the names, place of abode, and such other particulars as he may deem it expedient to include, of all registered aliens, to be called the

Register of Aliens, which shall be amended from time to time by correcting errors therein, by adding thereto the names of aliens to whom certificates of registration have been issued, and by removing therefrom the names of aliens who die, or who leave the Gilbert Islands, or who otherwise cease to be subject to the provisions of this Ordinance.

9. (1) The Register of Aliens shall not be open as of right to inspection by any person.

Certified  
copies of  
entries in  
Register

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) the court may in any proceedings for an offence under this Ordinance order or permit a certified copy of any entry in the Register to be produced in court.

(3) Any certificate of registration issued under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be *prima facie* evidence of the registration of the person to whom such certificate relates.

(4) A copy certified by the Governor or by an officer acting on his behalf of any entry in the Register shall be *prima facie* evidence of entry.

(5) A certificate under the hand of the Governor or of an officer acting on his behalf, or the absence of any entry in the Register shall be *prima facie* evidence of the facts stated in such certificate.

(6) The absence of an entry in the Register relating to any person shall be *prima facie* evidence that no application for registration has been made by that person.

(7) Judicial notice shall be taken of the signature of the Governor or of an officer acting on his behalf to any certificate or certified copy referred to in this Ordinance and the signature of a registration officer to any certificate of registration.

10. Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of sections 3, 4 or 7 or who in any application for registration wilfully makes any false statement shall be liable to a fine of \$100 and to imprisonment for 6 months.

Offences

11. The Governor may direct that any person or class of persons shall be exempt either unconditionally or subject to such conditions as the Governor may impose from all or any of the provisions of this Ordinance.

Power to  
exempt

SCHEDULE  
(Sections 4 and 6)

Form A

Serial No. ....

Application for Registration as an Alien

Name .....  
 (Christian and surnames in block capitals)  
 Place of abode .....  
 Sex ..... Date of birth .....  
 Place of birth (Town or village, and country) .....  
 Present nationality .....  
 Any former nationality .....  
 Conjugal condition: Single/Married/Widowed/Divorced .....  
 Present occupation, profession, or trade .....  
 Previous occupations, professions, or trades .....  
 Military service in alien forces .....  
 Countries and areas with which familiar .....  
 Languages spoken .....  
 Whether relatives abroad, if so where, and whether in correspondence .....

Holder of valid National Passport or Travel Document No. ....  
 Issued at ..... on .....  
 Date and place of entry to the Gilbert Islands .....  
 Whether applicant for naturalisation/repatriation/immigration .....  
 Date of application .....

*Strike out words not applicable*

NOTE: If alien is unable to read or write, a thumb-print is to be made in the space provided for his/her signature, in the presence of the officer to whom the application is made, stating which thumb is used.

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Signature of Alien

For Official use only

Certificate of Registration No. .... Issued at .....  
..... on ..... by .....

Form B

Receipt of Application for Registration as an Alien

Received this ..... day of .....  
19 ....., application by (Name) .....  
for registration as an alien.

Signed .....  
Rank .....

Form C  
Certificate of Registration of Alien

Serial No. ....

Name .....  
(Christian and surnames in block capitals)

Place of abode .....

Present nationality .....

Date and place of application for registration .....

Date and place of issue of this certificate .....

.....  
Signature of Registration Officer

SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION

[Subsidiary]

Appointments by office of registration officers under section 5

The District Officer, Ocean Island, for Ocean Island;

G.N. 43/76

The District Officer, Line Islands, for the Line Islands;

The Deputy Secretary to the Chief Minister for all other parts of the Gilbert Islands.

Section 13 (1977, S.13)

Omit subsection (4), substitute –

“(4) A person against whom a removal order has been made may be removed to the place whence he came or, with the approval of the Minister, to –

- (a) a place in the country to which he belongs; or
- (b) any place to which he consents to be removed, if the Government of that place consents to receive him.”

Section 15 (1977, S.15)

Omit subsection (1), substitute –

“(1) Subject to section 14 (as affected by section 119(4)) of the Constitution, no person other than a citizen of Kiribati may enter Kiribati without a passport.”

Section 20 (1977, S.20)

Omit “of the Government”.

Section 23 (1977, S.23)

Omit “the Governor in Council”, substitute “the Beretitenti, acting in accordance with the advice of the Cabinet.”.

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CAP.80 – REGISTRATION OF ALIENS  
(Cap.86 of 1977)

Registration of Aliens Ordinance

Section 2 (1977, S.2)

Insert in the definition “alien” before the words “a British subject” the words “a citizen of Kiribati,”.

Section 3 (1977, S.3)

Omit from subsection (2) “whether by attaining the age of sixteen years or otherwise howsoever”.

CAP.81 – BRITISH NATIONALITY (OFFENCES AND FEES)  
(Cap.6 of 1977)

British Nationality (Offences and Fees) Ordinance

The Ordinance is repealed.