Council of Ministers Regulation No. 101/2004
Providing Foreign Nationals of Ethiopian Origin with certain Rights and Privileges to be Exercised in their Country of Origin Regulation

This regulation is issued pursuant to the authority vested in the Council of Ministers under Article 5 of Proclamation No. 4/1995 and Article 17 of Providing Foreign Nationals of Ethiopian Origin with certain Rights and Privileges to be Exercised in their Country of Origin Proclamation No. 270/2002.

PART ONE
GENERAL

1. Short Title
This Regulation may be cited as “Providing Foreign Nationals of Ethiopian Origin with Certain Rights and Privileges to be Exercised in their Country of Origin Regulation No. 101/2004.”

2. Definition
In this regulation unless the context otherwise requires;
2. “Foreign National of Ethiopian Origin” means a person that falls within the definition provided under Article 2(1) of the Proclamation.

PART TWO

Identification Card for Foreign Nationals of Ethiopian Origin

3. Conditions for Issuance of Identification Card
1. Under this Regulation, Foreign National of Ethiopian Origin shall be issued with Identification Card provided that he fulfills the provisions of the Proclamation and submits an application in accordance with the procedure set out hereunder.
2. An application for the issuance of an Identification Card shall be made to the Authority if the applicant is in Ethiopia or to the Ministry through an Ethiopian Mission if the applicant is abroad;
3. An application for an Identification Card shall be made in the prescribed form prepared by the Ministry and shall be accompanied by;
   a) Four recent passport size photographs;
   b) Documentary evidences showing that the applicant is Foreign National of Ethiopian Origin;
   c) A valid passport or another travel document issued by the appropriate body of the country of nationality;
   d) Marriage certificate and birth certificate of his children under the age of 18 if applicable.
4. The Ministry or the Authority, in accordance with this Article shall decide within 30 days from the date of submission of the application whether the Identification Card should be issued to the applicant. When there is a decision not to issue the Identification Card, the reasons for this decision shall be given for the applicant in writing.

4. Validity of the Identification Card
1) An Identification Card issued in accordance with Article 8 of the Proclamation shall be renewable every five years since the date of its issuance;
2) The renewal of the Identification Card shall be made by the Authority if the applicant is in Ethiopia and by Ethiopia Missions if the applicant is abroad.
3) Upon the renewal of the Identification Card the renewing authority shall ascertain that the grounds set out under Article 14 of this Proclamation for canceling the Identification Card are nonexistent.

5. Service Fees
1) A fee of US $ 500 (Five Hundred American Dollar) or an equivalent sum of the local currency where the applicant reside or if an applicant is in Ethiopia an equivalent Ethiopian Birr on the basis of the applicable exchange rate shall be payable for the issuance of the Identification Card in accordance with Article 8 of the Proclamation;
2) A fee of US $ 200 (Two Hundred American Dollar) or an equivalent sum of the local currency where the applicant reside or if an applicant is in Ethiopia an equivalent Ethiopia Birr on the basis of the applicable exchange rate shall be payable for the renewal of the Identification Card in accordance with Article 4 of the Regulation.
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3) Another Identification Card may be issued upon payment of a fee of US $ 300 (Three Hundred American Dollar) or an equivalent sum of the local currency where the applicant reside or if an applicant is in Ethiopia an equivalent Ethiopian Birr on the basis of the applicable exchange rate when the Identification Card is lost, provided that it is confirmed by local police or for the replacement of damaged Identification Card.

6. Particulars in the Identification Card
The following particulars shall be clearly specified in the identification card;
1) The full name including the grand father's name, the date and place of birth, sex, nationality and special mark of the holder of the Identification Card;
2) Declaration to the effect that a person holding the Identification card shall be accorded with rights and privileges specified in the Proclamation;
3) The duration of the validity of the Identification Card;
4) The name of Issuing Authority, the place and date of issuance;
5) If the Identification card is obtained on marital relationship with foreign national of Ethiopian origin, declaration to this effect.

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7. Power to issue Directives
The Ministry may issue a directives for the implementation of this Regulation.

8. Inapplicable Laws
Any Regulations, directives, decisions or procedural practices shall not apply in so far as they are inconsistent with this regulation.

9. Duty to Cooperate
Any concerned institution or individual shall provide the necessary assistance in the implementation of this Regulation.

10. Effective Date
This Regulation shall come into force on the date of publication in the Negarit Gazette.

Done at Addis Ababa, this 21st day of March, 2004.

Meles Zenawi
Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia