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DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS

NO. R. 7428

4 May 2026

IDENTIFICATION ACT, 2002**AMENDMENT OF IDENTIFICATION REGULATIONS, 1998**

I, Dr Leon Amos Schreiber, MP, Minister of Home Affairs, hereby give notice that I intend, in terms of section 22 of the Identification Act, 1997 (Act No. 68 of 1997) (“Identification Act”), to amend the Identification Regulations, 1998, made under the Identification Act.

The draft amendments to the Identification Regulations, 1998 (“draft Regulations”) give effect to work underway in the Department of Home Affairs (“Department”) to support secure digital identity credentials alongside existing physical identity cards, to strengthen the governance of the population register, and to regulate related data-sharing and verification arrangements in a manner consistent with the Identification Act, the Promotion of Access to Information Act, 2000 (Act No. 2 of 2000), and the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act No. 4 of 2013).

The amendments are intended to—

- clarify the status of digital identity credentials as an additional form of identity card under the Act, without affecting the continued validity of physical identity cards;
- prescribe standards for enrolment, biometric capture and identity assurance for digital identity credentials;
- establish a framework for secure data sharing and verification services between the Department and accredited entities performing statutory identity-verification functions; and
- reinforce the role of the population register as the authoritative record of identity and civic-status information, subject to applicable privacy and access-to-information laws.

Interested persons who wish to comment on the draft Regulations are invited to do so by submitting written submissions to the Department **on or before 6 June 2026**. Submissions should be addressed to the Chief Director: Legal Services, marked for the attention of Adv A M Malakate, and be forwarded to the Department in any of the following ways:

- (a) By hand: To the Department at 10th Floor, Hallmark Building, 230 Johannes Ramokhoase Street, Pretoria, 0001;
- (b) By post: To the Department at Private Bag X114, Pretoria, 0001; or
- (c) By e-mail: To Moses.Malakate@dha.gov.za.

Any enquiries should be directed to **Adv Moses Malakate (012) 406 4023 / 4273**.



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DATE: 04/05/26