



September 5, 2012
Circular No. SBP-DJ-0078-2012

General Manager

Subject: Decree 50 dated 22 November 1999. ID Card
for Minors.

Dear General Manager:

Pursuant to the Electoral Tribunal's request, we would like to provide you a copy of Decree 50 dated 22 November 1999 "Whereby the identification card for minors is regulated," issued by the referenced institution.

As the Electoral Tribunal has requested, we draw your attention to the provisions of Article 1 of this Decree.

In this regard, we would greatly appreciate your providing your staff with the necessary instructions for compliance with the Electoral Tribunal's provisions.

Best regards,

Alberto Diamond R.
Superintendent

Enc: A/S

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ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL BULLETIN

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Republic of Panama
Electoral Tribunal

DECREE 50
(dated 22 November 1999)

“Whereby the identification card for minors is regulated”

The Magistrates of the Electoral Tribunal

In use of their legal and constitutional powers

C O N S I D E R I N G

That one of the procedures in greatest demand in the Civil Registry is the issuance of birth certificates required by other public and private entities.

That when their births are registered in the Civil Registry, all Panamanians are assigned a unique enrollment number that is the basis for their personal identification in all actions and is the number that will be used to issue their citizenship identification card when they reach 18 years of age.

That birth certificates lack pictures—a fact that has permitted identity theft.

That there are movies restricted to persons 14 years of age and older, but these persons lack an identity document to prove their age.

Similarly, the children’s fee for attending many shows is difficult to apply in many cases due to the lack of an identity document for minors.

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That during raids made by authorities to remove underage persons from unauthorized places, there are no resources for correctly identifying minors.

That for the procedures for opening and managing savings accounts for minors an identification document with the name of the parents would be useful for the banking system.

That in some countries, like Chile, an identification document has been issued to minors for many years solving the issues described above, among others.

That it is convenient for minors to have the option to obtain an identity document including the name of their parents.

That the constitution gives the Electoral Tribunal sole authority to register births and issue personal identification documents, the latter being mandatory only as of 18 years of age.

DECREES

Article 1. As of December 6, 1999, the Electoral Tribunal will issue, through the National Identification Division, an optional personal identification document for Panamanian minor children that will be identified as an Identification Card for Minors and will have the same legal effect as a Birth Certificate.

Proviso: Any minor required to provide a Birth Certificate to prove his/her identity in any procedure, may present the Identification Card for Minors instead. If the institution responsible for the procedure requires a copy of the document, the interested person can provide a copy of the Identification Card for Minors.

Article 2. The Identification Card for Minors will be designed as follows:

I. On the front:

1. Fixed design and text:

1.1. The background of the card will have a photographic reproduction of the historic feat of January 9th, 1964, when Panamanian students climbed the fence marking the boundary of the former Canal Zone to raise the Panamanian flag in that territory.

1.2. Title at the upper left with the flag and the phrase:

REPUBLIC OF PANAMA
ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL
IDENTIFICATION CARD FOR MINORS

2. Variable information:

2.1. First names and last names of the minor.

2.2. Color image of the face of the minor.

2.3. The minor's signature, when applicable.

2.4. Identity card number

II. On the back:

1. Fixed design and text:

1.1. The background will be the same as on the front, with the letters TE and the coat of arms in the upper right corner.

1.2. The following titles: Date of Birth, Place of Birth, Sex, Issued on, Expires on, and Parents.

2. Variable information:

2.1. The signature of the National Director of Identification

2.2. First names and last names of the minor.

2.3. His/her date of birth.

2.4. His/her sex.

2.5. Date of Issue

2.6. Expiration date.

2.7. First names and last names of the parents.

2.8. Identity card number

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- 2.9. A two-dimensional bar code, initially having the name, identity card number and fingerprint code (miniaturized) of the minor, if applicable.

Article 3. The Identification Card for Minors will be a fully digitalized document and shall contain the following security features:

1. Watermark picture of the minor.
2. Ultraviolet printing.
3. Laminate cover patented under the name "Duraguard" with a hologram of the coat of arms of the Republic of Panama.
4. Two-dimensional bar code with the name, identity card number and fingerprint, if applicable. Additional information can be added in the future.
5. A plastic card specially chosen for identity documents of this nature will be utilized.
6. Each card will have a preprinted code in numeric sequence that will be directly related to the number and data of the minor.

Article 4. The Identification Card for Minors may be issued to all minors. It will be valid for a maximum of five years, will be optional and will have a unit price of B/.10.00, as will duplicates issued for stolen, robbed or lost cards.

Article 5. When handing over the Identification Card for Minors, the National Identification Division will provide each minor, a brochure explaining the historic feat of January 9th, 1964.

Article 6. This decree shall become effective as of its publication in the Electoral Tribunal Bulletin.

LET IT BE PUBLISHED AND ENFORCED.

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Republic of Panama
Electoral Tribunal

DECREE 13
(dated 9 November 2000)

**Whereby article 4 of Decree 50 dated 22 November 1999 is amended and
Decree 3 dated 18 April 2000 is rescinded**

THE MAGISTRATES OF THE ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL
In use of their legal and constitutional powers

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CONSIDERING

That by means of Decree 50 dated 22 November 1999 an identity card for minors was created and regulated.

That Decree 3 dated 18 April 2000 amended article 4 of the above decree setting a unit rate for the issuance of identity cards for minors of eight balboas with 00/100 (B/.8.00) per identity card issued,

That in Chamber of Agreements 41 dated 27 October 2000 it was agreed to establish a special promotion in schools for the identity card for minors, reducing its cost and modifying the unit rate fixed by Decree 3 dated 18 April 2000.

DECREES

ARTICLE 1. To amend article 4 of Decree #50 dated 22 November 1999 as follows:

Article 4. The cost of identity cards for minors within the national territory is established as follows:

1. Five balboas with 00/100 (B/.5.00) for one minor.
2. Three balboas with 00/100 (B/3.00), each for two brothers or sisters.
3. Two balboas with 00/100 (B/.2.00) each for three or more brothers or sisters.

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ARTICLE 2: The costs established in the above article will be applied to both the special promotion programs in schools and identity card applications processed in the Identity Registration Offices of the Electoral Tribunal within the national territory.

ARTICLE 3: This Decree amends article 4 of Decree 50 dated 22 November 1999 and rescinds Decree 3 dated 18 April 2000.

ARTICLE 4: This decree shall become effective as of its publication in the Electoral Tribunal Bulletin.

Given in the city of Panama on the ninth (9th) days of November, two thousand (2000).

LET IT BE PUBLISHED AND ENFORCED.

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4. Lists of Certificates of Naturalization.

Republic of Panama
Electoral Tribunal
DECREE No. 3
(dated 18 April 2000)

"Whereby Decree 50 dated 22 November 1999 that regulates the identity card for minors is amended"

The Magistrates of the Electoral Tribunal

In use of their legal and constitutional powers

C O N S I D E R I N G

That by means of Decree 50 dated 22 November 1999 an identity card for minors was created and regulated.

That article four of the Decree established a unit cost for the identity card.

That in Chamber of Agreements 12 dated 10 April 2000 a new rate was established for the year 2000.

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DECREES

Article 1: The new cost of the identity card for minors will be eight balboas with 00/100 (B/.8.00) and will be valid for the year 2000.

Article 2: This decree shall become effective as of its publication in the Electoral Tribunal Bulletin.

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