

N.S. Regulations 237/2026
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REGISTRAR OF REGULATIONS

**In the matter of Section 330 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2025,
the *Traffic Safety Act***

-and-

**In the matter of new regulations respecting identification cards
made by the Minister of Public Works**

Order

I, Fred Tilley, Minister of Public Works for the Province of Nova Scotia, pursuant to Section 330 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2025, the *Traffic Safety Act*, hereby make new regulations respecting identification cards in the form set forth in the attached Schedule "A".

This order is effective on and after the date that Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2025, the *Traffic Safety Act*, comes into force.

Dated and made September 8, 2026, at Halifax Regional Municipality, Province of Nova Scotia.



Honourable Fred Tilley
Minister of Public Works

Schedule “A”

Regulations Respecting Identification Cards made by the Minister of Public Works under Section 330 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2025, the *Traffic Safety Act*

1 Citation

These regulations may be cited as the *Identification Card Regulations*.

2 Definitions

In these regulations,

“Act” means the *Traffic Safety Act*;

“identification card” means an identification card issued under Section 265 of the Act.

3 Application for identification card

(1) An application for an identification card must include all of the following:

- (a) the applicant’s personal information, including all of the following:
 - (i) given names and surname, expressed in letters of the Roman alphabet,
 - (ii) civic address,
 - (iii) mailing address,
 - (iv) date of birth,
 - (v) gender,
 - (vi) height,
 - (vii) eye colour;
- (b) to permit the Registrar to verify the applicant’s identity as required by clause 267(1)(a) of the Act and their eligibility for an identification card, proof satisfactory to the Registrar of all of the following:

- (i) that they are resident in the Province,
 - (ii) their given names and surname,
 - (iii) their date of birth,
 - (iv) their address in the Province.
- (2) If requested by the Registrar, an application for an identification card must include any of the following:
 - (a) any previous first and last names;
 - (b) their telephone number, if any;
 - (c) their e-mail address, if any;
 - (d) proof satisfactory to the Registrar that they are entitled under the laws of Canada to be in Canada during the period of validity of the identification card for which they are applying;
 - (e) for an application made by a parent or guardian on behalf of an applicant younger than 16 years old,
 - (i) the client number of the parent or guardian, if any, or
 - (ii) proof satisfactory to the Registrar of the identity of the parent or guardian.

4 Issuing second or subsequent identification cards

An application for issuing a second or subsequent identification card must include

- (a) confirmation of any changes to the information that the applicant provided on their application under clause 3(1)(a); and
- (b) proof satisfactory to the Registrar, on request, of any of the information that may be required on an application under clause 3(1)(b).

5 Photograph and signature required for identification card application

- (1) As part of the application process, an applicant submitting an application for an identification card must do both of the following:
 - (a) except as provided in subsections (3) and (4), for the purpose of clause 267(1)(b) of the Act, permit a photograph of their head and face to be taken that meets all of the following criteria:
 - (i) their face is clearly showing,
 - (ii) their expression is neutral,

- (iii) they are not smiling and do not have their mouth open,
 - (iv) their eyes are open and clearly showing,
 - (v) they are not wearing a hat or any head covering other than a hat or head covering that meets both of the following criteria:
 - (A) it is worn because of religious beliefs or for medical reasons,
 - (B) it does not cast shadows on their face;
- (b) except as provided in subsection (2), sign the application.
- (2) An application made by a parent or guardian on behalf of an applicant younger than 16 years old must be signed by the parent or guardian.
- (3) Subclauses (1)(a) (ii), (iii) and (iv) do not apply to an applicant who is unable to comply with the requirements because of a medical condition.
- (4) On reissuing or replacing an identification card, the Registrar may use a photograph of the applicant taken previously for an application for an identification card.

6 Term of identification card

- (1) Unless the Registrar limits the term under subsection (2), an identification card expires 5 years from the month it is issued, on the same day of the month as the birth date of the applicant.
- (2) The Registrar may limit the term of an identification card to any of the following:
 - (a) the period of time that the applicant is legally entitled to be in Canada;
 - (b) for a person who is not resident in the Province, the period of time that the identification card is required for health or travel purposes in accordance with Section 7.

7 Non-residents eligible for identification card

The Registrar may issue an identification card to an individual who is not resident in the Province if the Registrar is satisfied of the individual's identity and that the individual has an urgent need for identification documents for health or travel purposes.