



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

## MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IMMIGRATION

### PRESS RELEASE

#### EXTENSION OF THE PHASING OUT OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA IDENTIFICATION CARDS (SWA IDs)

The Ministry of Home Affairs and Immigration hereby would like to inform the Public that the South West Africa Identity Cards (SWA IDs) that were to be phased out on 31 March 2017 as legal identity cards have been extended to **31 March 2018**.

The extension of the usage of SWA ID was approved by the Cabinet to provide the current SWA ID holders ample time to apply for their national ID, and correct records where necessary.

The purpose of phasing out of the SWA ID is to adapt to international best practices that only one legal identity card should be in use within a given national territory, as well as ensuring that all citizens only have one identity and one ID number and thereby reducing the possibility of holding dual identities.

Namibian citizens and Permanent Residence Permit holders who are still using SWA IDs are urged to go to the nearest Home Affairs and Immigration Offices, and apply for national IDs.

#### Offices with ID Registration Services

##### A. Regional Offices:

- 1) Erongo Regional Office ( Swakopmund)
- 2) Hardap Regional Office ( Mariental)
- 3) //Karas Regional Office (Keetmanshoop)
- 4) Kavango East Regional Office ( Rundu)
- 5) Kavango West Regional Office (Nkurenkuru)
- 6) Khomas Regional (Windhoek Northern Industrial Area)
- 7) Kunene Regional Office ( Opuwo)
- 8) Ohangwena Regional Office (Eenhana)
- 9) Omusati Regional Office (Outapi)
- 10) Oshana Regional Office ( Oshakati)
- 11) Oshikoto Regional Office ( Omuthiya)
- 12) Otjondjupa Regional Office (Otjiwarongo)
- 13) Zambezi Regional Office (Katima Mulilo)

**14) Omaheke Regional Office (Gobabis)**

**B. Selected Sub-Regional offices:**

- 1) Grootfontein Sub-Regional Office
- 2) Okahandja Sub-Regional Office
- 3) Okahao Sub-Regional Office
- 4) Ondagwa Sub-Regional Office
- 5) Outjo Sub-Regional Office
- 6) Rehoboth Sub-Regional Office
- 7) Tsumeb Sub-Regional Office
- 8) Ruacana Sub-Regional Office
- 9) Walvis Bay Sub-Regional Office

Kindly take notice that due to competing needs, no mobile campaigns will be conducted. All applications must be filed at the above mentioned offices during office hours 08h00—13h00 and 14h00-17h00.

Queries can be forwarded to the Public Relations Office, Ministry of Home Affairs and Immigration, Tel: 061 2922169, 0811253674 email: [salome.kambala@mha.gov.na](mailto:salome.kambala@mha.gov.na)  
[/sakeus.kadhikwa@mha.gov.na](mailto:/sakeus.kadhikwa@mha.gov.na)/ [sakeus@gmail.com](mailto:sakeus@gmail.com)

Issued by:

  
Amb. Patrick Nandago

Permanent Secretary

