

## THE RESIDENTS OF BURMA REGISTRATION ACT, 1949 (UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION)

1. (1) This Act shall be called the Residents of Burma Registration Act, 1949.  
(2) It shall come into force on such date as the President of the Union may, by notification, appoint and different dates may be appointed for different parts of the Union of Burma.
2. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, a Registration List registering all residents of Burma shall be kept. In the Registration List shall be entered the particulars of such persons prescribed by rules relating to the matters specifically mentioned in the "**Schedule**".  
(3) The said list shall be called the Registration List of the Residents of Burma. Hereinafter, the List shall be referred to as the "Registration List".
3. (1) The President may appoint the Chief Registration Officer for the whole country in order to maintain the Registration List.  
(4) The President may appoint Registration Officer, Assistant Registration Officer and other staff in order to perform duties conferred under this Act.  
(5) Duties, powers and functions of the Chief Registration Officer, Registration Officer, Assistant Registration Officer and other staff are in the manner as prescribed in the rules made under this Act.
4. (1) Every person residing in Burma shall furnish, for registration purposes, (his/her) particulars as required under this Act or its rules made thereunder.  
(2) The Registration Officer or Assistant Registration Officer shall, in accordance with the rules made under this Act, issue to every person who has registered as such, a registration card as a proof of identity (stating who the person is) and containing prescribed particulars. The said card is hereinafter referred to as "Registration Card".  
  
(1) The President may enact rules for carrying into effect the aim and object of this Act.  
(2) In particular, without prejudice to the generality of the forgoing powers, such rules may provide on the following matters in the said rules:-
  - a) for making, collecting and providing of data;
  - b) for data form;
  - c) for registration card form;
  - d) for producing of registration card to check;
  - e) for issuing new registration card for the lost or destroyed one by taking fee;
  - f) for surrendering of registration card;
  - g) for deregistration of those who ought to be excluded.  
(1) Different provisions for the different places in the Union of Myanmar can be prescribed in the rules.
6. (1) Whoever:-
  - (a) makes a false statement in respect of any material particulars knowingly or rashly for the purpose of this Act ;
  - (b) with an intention to cheat
    - (i) falsely represents himself to be or not to be a person mentioned in the registration card ;
    - (ii) allows other person to have possession of the registration card issued for his own use in compliance with the rules made under this Act;
    - (iii) possesses any forged document likely to resemble with the registration card;is said to commit an offence under this Act.  
  
(2) Whoever fails to comply with a summon duly issued under this Act or violates any rules thereunder or fails to comply the manner as prescribed in the rules is said to commit an offence under this Act.  
  
(3) Whoever is guilty of any provisions of this Act shall on conviction be punished with imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years with rigorous imprisonment, or simple imprisonment, or to a fine not exceeding 500 kyats, or to both.  
  
Provided, notwithstanding anything contains in the criminal procedure code, the said offender shall be tried as a summon case and on conviction he shall be punished to a term not exceeding 6 months with rigorous imprisonment, or simple imprisonment, or to a fine not exceeding 200 kyats, or to both.
7. The President of the Union may by order exempt any person or any class of persons from any or all of the provisions of this Act or Rules thereunder.

### "Schedule"

Particulars to be included in the register:-

- i. Name;
- ii. male or female;
- iii. age and date of birth;
- iv. country of origin;
- v. nationality;
- vi. occupation, trade;
- vii. residence;
- viii. spouse if any;
- ix. whether a member of naval or auxiliary naval force or army or auxiliary army or air force or auxiliary air force or frontier force or its reserve force or civil defence force or its reserve force.