



# Identity Documents Act 2010

## 2010 CHAPTER 40

### *Repeal of Identity Cards Act 2006*

#### **1 Repeal of Identity Cards Act 2006**

- (1) The Identity Cards Act 2006 is repealed.
- (2) But—
  - (a) sections 25 and 26 of that Act (possession of false identity documents etc), and
  - (b) section 38 of that Act (verifying information provided with passport applications etc),are re-enacted by this Act (with consequential amendments and, in the case of section 38, also with minor amendments).
- (3) In addition, the amendment of section 1 of the Consular Fees Act 1980 made by section 36 of the Identity Cards Act 2006 continues to have effect subject to a consequential amendment (see paragraph 2 of the Schedule to this Act).

#### **2 Cancellation of ID cards etc**

- (1) No ID cards are to be issued by the Secretary of State at any time on or after the day on which this Act is passed.
- (2) All ID cards that are valid immediately before that day are to be treated as cancelled by the Secretary of State at the end of the period of one month beginning with that day.
- (3) As soon as reasonably practicable after that day, the Secretary of State must send a letter to every cardholder—
  - (a) informing the cardholder that the cardholder's ID card is to be treated as cancelled as mentioned in subsection (2), and
  - (b) providing the cardholder with such information about the consequences of its cancellation as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- (4) A letter under subsection (3) must be sent to the address recorded (at the time it is sent) in the National Identity Register as the address of the cardholder's principal place of residence in the United Kingdom.
- (5) For the purposes of this section a person is a "cardholder" if—
  - (a) an ID card has been issued to the person, and
  - (b) the ID card is valid immediately before the day on which this Act is passed.
- (6) In this section "ID card" has the same meaning as in the Identity Cards Act 2006.

### **3 Destruction of information recorded in National Identity Register**

The Secretary of State must ensure that all the information recorded in the National Identity Register is destroyed before the end of the period of two months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed.