



THE PRESIDENT

# REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 147

### **Mandatory Enrollment of All Citizens and Foreign Residents and the Use of the National Biometric Identification Card to Access All Public and Private Services in Liberia**

**Whereas**, the National Legislature in 2011 repealed PRC Decree #65 which established the National Identification Card System and in lieu thereof, established the National Identification Registry (NIR);

**Whereas**, the framers were, among other things, mindful that doubles dipping, illegal migration and other frauds resulting from impersonation and identity theft continue to undermine the efforts of Government to strengthen public and private institutions, provide essential services, and promote rule of law and progress;

**Whereas**, the response to the above challenges was to create the NIR, with a mandate to "design, produce, and issue biometric cards, each with a unique identifying number to be called a National Identification Number (NIN), to be the primary government approved identity number (for registration of birth, death, passports, immigrant documents, bank accounts, Driver's License, social security benefits, education and other identification documents) supported by adequate and appropriate security features to address the challenge of possible fraudulent duplication;

**Whereas**, the National Identification Registry is occupied with the implementation of technologies which entails, the design, establishment, maintenance, administration and implementation of a National Identity Register with a National Biometric Identification System (NBIS) and the administration of Identity Query portal and eVerification platform and Identity for the Republic of Liberia;

**Whereas**, the NIR Act further provides that biometric data to be submitted by individuals shall be collected directly and openly from the individual to whom it relates, and it is mandatory for all citizens;

**Whereas**, the LTA, pursuant to Part III Section 11 (q) of the Telecommunications Act of 2007, adopted in 2020, an Amended SIM Cards/RUIM Registration Regulations (LTA-REG-008), which inter alia, required all SIM Cards/RUIM issued by Mobile Network Operators (MNOs) in Liberia to be registered using only government-issued IDs electronically verifiable on the National Identification Registry (NIR) platform;



**Whereas**, on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024, the NIR and LTA signed an MoU *inter alia* for the purpose of establishing a collaborative framework between the Parties for the effective implementation of the Amended SIM Cards/RUIM Registration Bon Regular (LTA-REG-008) consistent with the Telecommunications Act 2007, the National Identification Registry Act of 2011, and all applicable laws of the Republic of Liberia;

**Noting that** the Government of Liberia on May 1, 2024, launched the Digital Transformation Initiative intended to *inter alia*, ensure collaboration and interoperability of ICT systems and platforms and to enhance the digital economy through improved access to Government services; and

**Noting that**, the provision of unique digital identity to all citizens and residents of Liberia is a foundational requirement for the achievement of the Government of Liberia's digital economy objectives;

**Given That** the Constitution grants the President Executive Power, allowing for the issuance of Executive Orders in the public interest to address urgent matters or specific situations that cannot await the lengthy legislative procedures;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Joseph Nyuma Boakai, Sr., President of the Republic of Liberia, hereby order:**

**Section 1. Mandatory Enrolment and issuance to all qualified Citizens/Residents and Use of the National Identification Cards to Access All Services in Liberia**

- 1) That all citizens and residents within the Republic of Liberia shall enroll into the National Biometric Identification System (NBIS) and obtain a national ID card which shall be used as a primary credential to:
  - i. Authenticate, verify and or confirm their identity;
  - ii. Prove their citizenship;
  - iii. Obtain or have access to all services for which they are entitled to;
  - iv. Establish and enhance compelling collaboration frameworks amongst Central Government and private sector entities for the effective



implementation of the Comprehensive Mass Enrollment and issuance of Citizens into the NBIS.

- 2) That all foreign residents and visitors that remain in the Republic of Liberia for a period of ninety days (90) or more, shall enroll into the National Biometric Identification System (NBIS) and obtain a Foreigner ID card which shall be used as a primary credential to:
  - i. authenticate their identity;
  - ii. prove their residency status in Liberia;
  - iii. apply for eligible government and private sector services such as mobile SIM cards;
  - iv. establish and enhance compelling collaborative frameworks amongst Central Government and private sector entities for the effective implementation of the Comprehensive Mass Enrollment and issuance of Foreign Residents into the NBIS.

**Section 2. Utilizing the National ID Card for Identification purposes in interaction with both public and private institutions in Liberia and the NIR data base identity queries by all Government institutions and eligible private sector organizations**

- 1) That citizens and residents shall obtain and utilize the National ID Card for identification purposes in interactions with government entities, application and access to public services, banking, healthcare, education, and all other essential services requiring identification.
- 2) This shall apply to the Central Government and all its institutional functionaries, particularly the Ministry of Education, the National Commission on Higher Education, the West Africa Examinations Council (WAEC-Liberia), the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning (MFDP), the Liberia Revenue Authority (LRA), the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Liberia Telecommunications Authority, the Ministry of Labor, Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Youth & Sports, the Central Bank of Liberia, the Liberia Land Authority, Ministry of National Defense, National Elections Commission, Liberia



Business Registry, Liberia Intellectual Property Office, Ministry of Justice, the Liberia Electricity Corporation, the Liberia Water & Sewer Corporation, all commercial banks, local financial institutions and insurance companies, all professional licenses, all institutions in the private sector, particularly mobile network operators (MNOs), concessionaires, etc.

- 3) That all public and private institutions shall use the NIR database and Identity Queries to eradicate the potential for fraud and improve government efficiency, revenue, government service delivery and development planning, consistent with the National Identification Registry Act of 2011, and all applicable laws of the Republic of Liberia.

### **Section 3. Governance Structure**

This Executive Order is to be administered through the following structures:

- 1) **Enrollment, issuance of the National Identification Card, Digital Card, Foreigner Card and response to Identity Queries and e-Verification platform**
  - a) The National Identification Registry in its authority as contained in the NIR Act of 2011 shall enroll all citizens and residents into the NBIS ensuring the efficient and timely distribution of National and Foreigner ID Cards to eligible individuals and provide responses to Identity Queries from Government of Liberia Ministries, Agencies, Commissions, and private institutions through the Identity Query Portal and e-Verification platform particularly for institutions requiring background checks or know your customer (KYC).
  - b) Notwithstanding the application fee for the service requested, the financial charges due to NIR for each Identity Query portal and use of eVerification platform from Government of Liberia Ministries, Agencies, Commissions, and eligible private institutions, shall be determined by the Board of Registrars of the NIR.



2) **Dissemination of information and compliance about the use of the National Identification card**

All Government of Liberia Ministries, Agencies, Commissions, and private institutions shall adopt policies requiring the presentation of National ID Cards or Foreigner Cards, whichever is applicable to apply and access services. Each Government of Liberia Ministries, Agencies, Commissions, and eligible private institutions shall be obligated to issue a Circular to inform and enforce the compulsory Enrollment for the National Identity Cards for the sector population; the NIR, MFDPA and LRA shall oversee the implementation and compliance of each sector Circular.

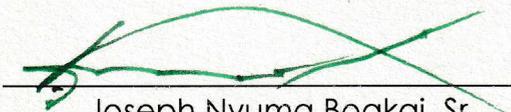
3) **Data privacy protection**

Data collection, storage and management protocols, including the issuance and use of National ID Card shall be consistent with Part IX (Sections 9.1 – 9.3) of the NIR Act of 2011; and full compliance with all Data Protection and Privacy Laws of Liberia.

**Section 4 Effective Date**

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon issuance and shall remain in force until amended, replaced, or repealed.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF  
APRIL A.D. 2025.**

  
Joseph Nyuma Boakai, Sr.  
**PRESIDENT  
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA**