

“Our Forefathers Won For Us The Right To Vote”

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GOVERNMENT OF ST. KITTS & NEVIS

“THE NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD AND YOU”

WHAT IS A NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD?

A National ID card is a Voter ID with additional uses. In other countries, the National ID card is used to vote. It is also used when applying for health care and other important services. The government's National Registration System will produce the card.

WHO WILL GET THE CARD?

At first, the card will be issued to qualified voters only:

- ✓ Citizens of St. Kitts & Nevis 18 years and older;
- ✓ Commonwealth citizens who have lived here for at least one year and are registered to vote.

As a national approaches 18, they will be notified to register at the Electoral Office, and to obtain their National Identification Card. Later, the card will be issued to citizens and legal residents, even if they are not yet registered to vote.

HOW WILL THE VOTERS LIST BE KEPT CURRENT?

The government is also implementing a computerized civil registry of births, deaths, marriages and adoptions, which will be connected to the National Registration System. Automatically receiving information about deaths, name differences because of marriage, and other changes will make certain that the voters' list is constantly updated – and

kept clean.

HOW LONG WILL MY CARD BE VALID?

For nationals, the cards will be valid for 10 years. For Commonwealth citizens, 5 years. For other legal residents, one year.

WHAT WILL THE CARD LOOK LIKE?

The cover of this leaflet shows what the front and back of the card will look like.

HOW WILL THE CARD FIGHT VOTER FRAUD?

The St. Kitts & Nevis National ID card will contain a number of security features which will make it virtually impossible for anyone to vote in someone else's name. Each card will show:

- ✓ full name
- ✓ colour photograph
- ✓ unique National Registration Number that will never be assigned to anyone else
- ✓ gender
- ✓ date of birth
- ✓ citizenship status
- ✓ height
- ✓ occupation
- ✓ date card was issued
- ✓ date card will expire
- ✓ high-tech holographic features
- ✓ cardholder's signature

The voters' list will be at the polling station on election day. It will have the same information that is on the card given to

each voter. If the card presented on voting day does not match the card on record, the person will not be allowed to vote. And if the person attempting to vote does not match the person on the card, they will not be allowed to vote.

Even if two people have similar names and live in the same general area, the many details provided on the card, [height, date of birth, colour photograph and so on] will help to clear up any confusion.

WILL I HAVE TO GIVE UP MY FINGERPRINT?

No. Whenever participants in the public consultations agreed 100% that the card should have certain features – for example, colour photograph, signature, and so on, the government respected the public's wishes and included these features. When the public could not agree on a feature, the government respected that too, and did not include the feature that was causing controversy. Even though 100% of the persons at the public consultations agreed on many features, they did not agree on the fingerprint.

HOW DO I REGISTER TO VOTE?

1. Collect form from the Electoral Office.
2. Return completed form to the Electoral Office in Basseterre or Charlestown.
3. A registration clerk will place your information in the computer, and will ask additional questions,

if necessary.

4. Please check the details when the computer prints your personal information.
5. If accurate, you will be asked to sign to a special pad.
6. Your photograph will be taken by a camera attached to the computer containing your personal details. If you disagree with anything on the card, say so. Corrections will be made. Once you agree that all details are accurate, your National Identification Card will be printed and presented to you.
7. Keep your registration receipt in a safe place.
8. Lost or stolen cards should be reported to the Electoral Office immediately.

WILL THE DETAILS PERTAINING TO MY CARD BE SECURE?

Only authorized electoral officials will have access to the system, and they will always have to “log in” via a secure identity authentication system.

CONCLUSION

This system was designed to ensure that in St. Kitts & Nevis the rules apply to all voters equally. It was designed to ensure that our elections are free and fair, and free from fear. Finally, it was designed so that the people will have the government that they want, and the sacred institution of democracy will be preserved.