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Regulatory Update

2026 NIRA Mandatory Registration of Aliens in Uganda

The National Identification and Registration Authority (NIRA) has launched a mandatory registration exercise for all legally resident foreign nationals (aliens) in Uganda. The exercise issues a Unique Identification Number (UIN) and an Alien Identification Card, which is required to access public services in the country.

This communication seeks to highlight the;

- Key Registration Details
- Registration Requirements
- Employer Obligations
- Deloitte Support

Background

The National Identification and Registration Authority (NIRA) is a government body mandated to create, manage, maintain & operate the National Identification Register by registering all citizens of Uganda, registering non-citizens of Uganda who are lawfully residents in Uganda, registering births and deaths, and assigning a Unique National Identification Number to every person that has been registered.

Alien Registration

NIRA has commenced the registration of aliens lawfully resident in Uganda effective 10 June 2026.

An “alien” means a person who is not a citizen of Uganda.

This exercise is being undertaken pursuant to the Registration of Persons Act, Cap. 332, which mandates the registration of non-citizens residing in Uganda and the issuance of Alien Identification Cards

Key Registration Details

- **Who Must Register**

  All non-citizens with valid immigration documentation such as work permits, student passes, dependent passes, special passes and certificates of residences.

- **Fees**

  A mandatory registration fee of $100 applies.

- **Exemptions**

  Visitors and tourists staying in Uganda for less than 90 days are not required to register.

- **Validity**

  The Alien ID corresponds to the validity period of your current immigration status.

Registration Requirements

To complete your registration, you must appear in person at a designated registration center with the following items:

- A valid passport or travel document.
- A valid Ugandan entry visa.
- Proof of your valid immigration facility e.g. work permit
- Proof of payment for the registration fee

You can visit in person either of the following primary locations in Kampala to process your registration :

- NIRA Central Office : Plot 62 Lumumba Avenue
- Ministry of Internal Affairs : Work Permit Section.

Employer Obligations

Organizations employing foreign nationals should review employee records and ensure all affected expatriate staff are informed of, and prepared to meet, the registration requirements to prevent immigration or identification-related disruptions.

Deloitte Support

- Deloitte (Uganda) Limited can provide expert support by identifying affected expatriate staff, advising on compliance requirements, and assisting throughout the registration process to ensure timely and seamless compliance.
- For further inquiries or support, feel free to reach out to the Deloitte contacts shared here.



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