

TITLE 1: GOVERNMENT
DIVISION 6: ELECTIONS

§ 6922. Official Northern Marianas Descent Identification Card (ONMDIC).

CEC shall design the Official Northern Marianas Descent Identification Card (ONMDIC), which shall be approved by the Governor, the Presiding Officers of the Legislature, and the Mayors of the respective Senatorial Districts in the Commonwealth. The ONMDIC shall have with it the protection needed to avoid and prevent it from duplication, fabrication, forgery, counterfeiting, identity theft, scams and other illegal activities.

(a) The ONMDIC shall be the official identification card of persons of Northern Marianas descent in the Commonwealth, and it shall be issued only to persons who meet the requirements of Article XII, § 4 of the Northern Mariana Islands Constitution, and shall be used only in accordance with the applicable provisions of this chapter.

(b) The ONMDIC may be required by the Department of Public Lands to ensure that the individual person applying for village or agricultural homestead in the Commonwealth is a person of Northern Marianas descent; and if the applicant, upon the request by DPL, fails to show or does not have the said identification card, DPL may request the Commonwealth Election Commission to verify or certify that the applicant is a person of Northern Marianas descent pursuant to Article XII, § 4 of the Northern Mariana Islands Constitution. CEC shall furnish such certification card without hesitation when available to DPL.

(c) At any time as it may be deemed necessary and required by any department or agency of the Commonwealth government, including the offices of the mayors, the federal government and/or its agencies, or the private sectors for the purpose of establishing the identity of the individual person for any legitimate reason, the ONMDIC shall be shown by its rightful holder.

Source: PL 17-40 § 3 (April 21, 2011), modified.

Commission Comment: The Commission replaced “this Act” with “this chapter” and changed capitalization pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(d) and (f). The Commission also changed “the Office of the Mayors” to the “offices of the mayors” to correct a manifest error in subsection (c) pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(g).