



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IMMIGRATION

PRESS RELEASE

NO LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PARENTS TO CARRY BIRTH CERTIFICATES OR CONSENT LETTERS FOR DOMESTIC TRAVELS

The Ministry of Home Affairs and Immigration hereby would like to rectify the statement appearing in today's Namibian Newspaper dated, Friday, 14 December 2018 that persons travelling within Namibia with minor children must carry the children's full birth certificates and consent letters from an absent parent(s).

There is no legal requirement to carry the birth certificates of minor children or consent letters from absent parent(s) when travelling domestically. However, travelers (including minor) should at all times be able to positively identify themselves to prove that they are entitled to be and to travel through Namibia.

According to the regulations made in terms of Immigration Control Act 7 of 1993, an immigration official may require the production of a duly authenticated marriage certificate or birth certificate, as the case may be.

For the convenience of travelers, the Ministry advises that parents or guardians carry the birth certificates of minor children, and consent letters from absent parents or court orders when crossing any Namibian Border Posts. This is also a legal requirement of some of neighboring countries.

We sincerely apologize for any inconveniences that this statement may have caused.

Queries can be forwarded to the Permanent Secretary Office, Ministry of Home Affairs and Immigration, Tel: 061 2922019.

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