

L.N. 33 of 1985

CENSUS ACT, 1948
(ACT NO. II OF 1948)
Census Regulations, 1985

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 6 of the Census Act, 1948, the Prime Minister has made the following regulations:—

1. These regulations may be cited as the Census Regulations, 1985. Citation.

2. In these regulations: Definition.

“Act” means the Census Act, 1948;

“district” and “enumeration areas” mean such sections of these Islands as may be determined by the Census Officer under regulation 3 hereof;

“census forms” means the forms prescribed in regulation 11 hereof;

“midnight ending the census day” has the same meaning as is assigned to it in the Census Order, 1985;

“census order” means the Census Order, 1985;

“census information” means all information necessary for the making of true and accurate entries in census forms.

3. The Census Officer shall divide these Islands into districts and where he deems necessary he may divide a district into enumeration areas. District and enumeration areas.

4. (1) The Census Officer may appoint such numbers of suitable persons as he may deem necessary to be supervisors and enumerators and he shall assign districts and enumeration areas to them as he may deem appropriate. Appointment of supervisors and enumerators.

(2) Notice of the appointment of every supervisor and enumerator shall be published in the Gazette.

(3) Where it appears to the Census Officer that a supervisor or an enumerator is by reason of illness or for any other reason, unfit to perform his duties under the Act and these regulations, the Census Officer may appoint some fit and proper person in his place to perform such duties.

5. It shall be the duty of every supervisor — Duties of supervisors.
 (a) to give all necessary instructions to enumerators in his district or districts;

(b) to issue to enumerators all census forms and other articles necessary for the taking of the census;

(c) to examine, before midnight ending the census day, all entries made in census forms by enumerators and where it appears upon examination that any entry in any form is defective or is missing, to require the enumerator responsible for completing the

forms to take steps to correct the defective entry or to supply the missing entry before midnight ending the census day;

(d) following midnight ending the census day to receive, examine and transmit to the Census Officer, all census forms and other articles delivered to him by the enumerators of his district or districts;

(e) to provide such written reports and certificates with respect to the work of the enumerators in his district or districts and to witness such declarations by the same enumerators as the Census Officer may in writing require him to do; and

(f) generally to carry out any instructions issued to him by the Census Officer for the purpose of taking the census.

Duties of
enumerators.

6. It shall be the duty of every enumerator —

(a) to meet the Census Officer or supervisor of the district at such times and places as may be directed;

(b) to keep carefully any written instructions, books, forms, documents, or any other articles or things issued to him in connection with his duties and to deliver them in good condition upon the termination of his appointment or when called upon to do so;

(c) personally to visit at all reasonable times in the period between his appointment and midnight ending the census day every housing accommodation in the district, enumeration area or enumeration areas to which he may be assigned and to obtain all information necessary for completing the census forms;

(d) to make further visits to housing accommodation when at a first visit the required information cannot be obtained, or which may be directed by the supervisor to revisit for the purpose of supplying omissions or correcting or verifying doubtful entries in the census forms;

(e) after midnight ending the census day again to visit personally at all reasonable times every housing accommodation in the district, enumeration area or enumeration areas to which he may be assigned and by deleting, amending or adding to the entries previously made in the forms specified in the First Schedule to these regulations to obtain a true and complete account of:

(i) all persons who were present at midnight ending the census day in the said housing accommodation;

(ii) all persons who, at midnight ending the census day, were absent from the housing accommodation occupied by the household of which they form part; and

(iii) the use which was being made at midnight ending the census day of all housing accommodation, with respect to which particulars are to be obtained;

(f) if so directed by the supervisor, to assist in the performance of the duties of any enumerator in any other district or enumeration area;

(g) generally to carry out such instructions of the Census Officer and of the supervisor of the district as may be issued for the purpose of taking the census:

Provided that in any district or enumeration area in which the enumerator may be assisted, at the direction of the supervisor, by any other enumerator, paragraphs (c), (d) and (e) of this regulation shall be understood to apply jointly to the enumerator of the district or enumeration area and to such other enumerator.

7. Every supervisor and enumerator shall, before entering on his duties, make and subscribe in the presence of the Census Officer an oath in the form set out in the Second Schedule hereto.

Oath to be taken by supervisors and enumerators.

8. Every person with respect to whom census information is required by article 4 of the census order to be furnished shall give such information with respect to himself or herself, upon demand, to a supervisor or enumerator duly appointed under regulation 4 hereof and acting in accordance with his duties under regulation 5 or 6 hereof.

Duty to give information.

9. Every person being a person required by article 5 of the census order to furnish census information with respect to other persons and to housing accommodation shall furnish such information upon demand to a supervisor or enumerator duly appointed under regulation 4 hereof and acting in accordance with his duties under regulation 5 or 6 hereof.

Duty to give information with respect to other persons and to housing accommodation.

10. Every person with respect to whom it is the duty of the person prescribed by article 5 of the census order to furnish census information shall give the information upon demand to such prescribed persons:

Duty to give information to prescribed persons.

Provided that any person present at midnight ending the census day on the premises of any hotel, boarding house, guest house, hospital, nursing home or similar institution may, by oral request to the supervisor or enumerator of the census district or enumerating area or by written application to the Census Officer, elect to furnish only his or her name, status within the institution and sex, to the prescribed person and the rest of the census information personally to the aforesaid supervisor or enumerator.

11. The census forms shall contain the details specified in the forms in the First Schedule hereto or such elements thereof as the Census Officer may deem appropriate.

Census forms.

FIRST SCHEDULE

(Regulations 6 and 110)

CENSUS FORMS

FORM A

Street or other address	Particulars of Dwelling
Number or name of house	
Type of residence	
Number and type of rooms	
Annual rent, temporary ground rent or annual rental value	
Cooker	Quality of Life
Fridge	
Washing Machine	
Telephone	
Air Conditioner	
T.V.	
Car	

FORM B

Name and Surname	Particulars of Household
Relation to Head of Household	
Sex	
Marital Status	
Age	
Education	
Economic Activity and Status of Employment	
Nationality	
Usual address if different from place of enumeration	
Date of marriage	
Number of live births	
Gross wage/salary or other earnings of Head of Household and Wife	
Change of residence	

SECOND SCHEDULE

(Regulation 7)

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FORM OF OATH

I, ... solemnly swear that I will faithfully and honestly fulfil my duties as in conformity with the requirements of the Census Regulations, 1985. and of all orders, rules, and instructions issued in pursuance thereof and that I will not, without due authority in that behalf, disclose or make known in any manner whatsoever any matter or thing which comes to my knowledge by reason of my employment as such.

So help me God.

Signature

Sworn before me

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Census Officer