

L.N. 104 of 2024

**INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION ACT
(CAP. 420)**

**Procedural Standards for Granting and Withdrawing
International Protection (Amendment) Regulations, 2024**

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by article 25 of the International Protection Act, the Minister responsible for immigration has made the following regulations:-

1. The title of these regulations is the Procedural Standards for Granting and Withdrawing International Protection (Amendment) Regulations, 2024 and these regulations shall be read and construed as one with the Procedural Standards for Granting and Withdrawing International Protection Regulations, hereinafter referred to as the "principal regulations". Citation.
S.L. 420.07.
2. Immediately after the first proviso to sub-regulation (2) of regulation 12 of the principal regulations there shall be added the following new proviso: Amends
regulation 12 of
the principal
regulations.

"Provided further that the information referred to in the last proviso to this sub-regulation, shall be made available to the International Protection Appeals Tribunal:".
3. Regulation 17 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows: Amends
regulation 17 of
the principal
regulations.
 - (a) in sub-regulation (1) thereof, immediately after the words "carried out" there shall be added the words "where, following general statements or other relevant indications, there are still doubts concerning the applicant's age";
 - (b) sub-regulation (2) thereof shall be amended as follows:
 - (i) in paragraph (a) thereof, the words "which may include the rejection of the application" shall be deleted; and
 - (ii) in paragraph (c) thereof, the word "be" shall be substituted by the word "been"; and
 - (c) immediately after sub-regulation (2) thereof as amended, there shall be added the following new sub-regulation:

"(3) If after a medical examination has been carried out, there is still doubt concerning the applicant's age, the relevant authorities shall assume that the applicant is a minor, unless documents are presented which prove otherwise."
