



Advisory

Financial Transactions Reporting Act

Reference: 3/2010

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Re: Refugee Identity Card

A. Purpose of this Advisory

1. The purpose of this advisory is to advise financial institutions of the identification documents pertaining to customers who have been granted Asylum Seeker and Refugee status by the Fiji Government.

B. Application of this Advisory

2. This Advisory applies to all financial institutions that are covered under the FTR Act.
3. The provision of this advisory applies to those customers of financial institutions that have been granted Asylum Seeker and Refugee status by the Fiji Government.

C. Identification Requirements of Asylum Seekers and Refugee

4. The Fiji Immigration Department issues identity cards to foreigners who have been granted *asylum seeker* and *refugee* status in Fiji.
5. The *Asylum Seeker and Refugee Identity Card* contains the following details of the asylum seeker or refugee:
 - a. full name;
 - b. date of birth;
 - c. validity date of the card;
 - d. Immigration Department logo.
6. Pursuant to section 4(4)(a) of the FTR Act, section 8 of the FTR Regulations and section 12.7 of the FTR Guideline 4, financial institutions are advised that they may rely solely on the *Asylum Seeker and Refugee Identification Cards* issued by the Fiji Immigration Department, for the purpose of verifying the identity of a person who is seeking asylum or has been granted refugee status by the Fiji Government.
7. Financial institutions may also collect for their records further personal details on the person's address, citizenship, etc, as would be generally required for that type of customer. However, financial institutions will verify only name and date of birth of the person which is contained in the *Asylum Seeker and Refugee Identification Card*.
8. Financial institutions should consult the FIU should they wish to seek further clarification.

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