

**GOVERNMENT OF MAURITIUS****MY REF: MITCI/876V3****YOUR REF:****Date: 14 July 2022****From : Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Information Technology, Communication and Innovation****To : Supervising Officers of Ministries/Departments****SUBJECT: Mokloud Platform**

Please refer to the circular letter dated 17 February 2022 on the above mentioned subject, where the purpose and the advantages of the Mokloud Platform were outlined. Copy of the circular is at Annex I.

2. As mentioned in the circular, digital documents which can presently be downloaded from the Mokloud Platform are online extracts of Birth Certificates and Marriage Certificates. The digital extracts of Birth and Marriage Certificates are **equivalent** to their paper version. The Civil Status Act had been amended last year to include in the definition of certificate "*a certified or bar-coded printout from a computer system*". Extract of the amended Civil Status Act is enclosed at Annex II.

3. However, it has been brought to the attention of this Ministry that despite the fact that online Birth and Marriage certificates are legally acceptable and valid, same are not being accepted in some Government Departments, Banking institutions among others.

4. In view of the above, it would be appreciated if necessary arrangements could be made for the contents of this circular as well as the circular dated 17 February 2022 to be brought to the attention of officers concerned, who one way or the other, have a direct contact with members of the public.

5. It is also highlighted that the required equipment has to be procured to digitally verify the Online Birth and Marriage Certificate by scanning the QR code on the documents.

6. You may wish to contact Mrs. Buruth, System Analyst, on 4013503, for any additional information on the Mokloud Platform.

7. Relying on your usual cooperation.



**S. Valere (Ms)**  
**Permanent Secretary**

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**Circular Letter MITCI/876V3**

From : Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Information Technology,  
Communication and Innovation

To : Supervising Officers of Ministries/Departments

**MoKloud Platform**

Following the announcement made in Budget Speech 2017/18 for the setting up of the Mauricloud platform for the issuance and verification of documents & certificates in a digital way, the Ministry of Information Technology, Communication and Innovation has put in place the necessary infrastructure for the project (which has been rebranded as MoKloud).

2. The Ministry has worked out a roadmap for the implementation of the MoKloud platform which supports the transformation of Mauritius into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy. MoKloud leverages on the existing InfoHighway Platform, which allows data sharing across Ministries and Departments, for documents movement in electronic format and accessible in real time. The solution is cloud-based and hosted on the existing G-Cloud server infrastructure of the Government Online Centre.

3. The MoKloud solution is meant to empower citizens, through the provision of a secured cloud-based digital safe, for storage, signing, accessing and sharing of documents whilst leveraging on their digital identity. This would eliminate administrative overheads of Ministries/Departments and reduce service delivery time and associated costs through paperless transactions. Moreover, citizens may access their respective digital safes anywhere, anytime.

4. Digital documents currently available on the MoKloud platform, are: online extracts of birth certificates and marriage certificates and Covid vaccination passes.

5. Digital extracts of birth and marriage certificates are equivalent to their paper counterparts as definition of "certificates" under section 2 of the Civil Status Act (see attached extract). Moreover, the digital birth and marriage certificates can be verified by scanning the QR codes printed on them. A similar verification process is used for Covid vaccination passes.

6. In addition, enrollment of digital driving licenses and proof of addresses of the Central Electricity Board on the platform are in progress.

7. Having an online repository of digital documents assists in the "Know Your Customer" (KYC) process of organisations.

8. In view of the above, it would be appreciated if the above could be disseminated to all the sections, departments and parastatal bodies falling under your purview.

  
S. Valere (Ms)  
Permanent Secretary



34	<u>Publication of marriage celebrated abroad</u>
35	<u>Fees for marriages</u>

## PART 1 - PRELIMINARY

### 1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the **Civil Status Act**.

### 2. Interpretation

#### In this Act -

"audition" means an enquiry carried out by the Registrar of Civil Status or Deputy Registrar of Civil Status under section 19A where he suspects an intended marriage between a citizen and a non-citizen to be a fake one;

"authorised person" means a person who has an authority issued under section 26;

"birth" means the issuing forth of a child dead or alive from its mother after the 28th week of pregnancy;

"Central Civil Status Office" means the Civil Status Office set up in Port Louis and designated as such;

"certificate", in relation to any birth, death, marriage or any other civil status matter means -

- (a) a certified extract of a manuscript entry in a register;
- (b) a certified or bar-coded printout from a computer system;
- (c) a scanned extract of a manuscript entry in a register; or
- (d) an extract generated in electronic format bearing a digital signature;

"Chagos Archipelago civil status records" means such copies as may have been duly certified by the Chief Officer of the Civil Status in the Seychelles of official documents recording the births, deaths and marriages that took place in the Chagos Archipelago from 1965 to 1973;

"computer system" means any computer system specified in section 3 and used for the purpose of recording, processing and storing any civil status matter;

"copy", in relation to any entry, means a certified photocopy of the entry;

"CSD" means the Civil Status Database established under Section 8A;

"CPD" means the Central Population Database established under section 8B;