

**THE LAW OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA
ON STATE REGISTER OF THE POPULATION**

Adopted on September 24, 2002

ARTICLE 1. THE SUBJECT OF REGULATION AND OBJECTIVE OF THE LAW

1. This law regulates the relations of processing of personal registration data in the state register of the population (hereinafter` register) in accordance with the law, as well as other relations related to the conduct of the register.
2. The objective of this law is the exercise of the right to free movement of the resident, choosing place of residence and the right to registration according to the place of residence.

ARTICLE 2. LEGISLATION ON THE REGISTER

1. The legislation on the register of the Republic of Armenia is composed of the Constitution of the RA, of this law, other laws, and international agreements of the Republic of Armenia and of other legal acts.
2. If by international agreements of the RA other norms are defined, than those stipulated by this law, the norms of international agreements shall apply.

ARTICLE 3. THE DEFINITION OF "REGISTER"

The register is the information system of processing of personal registration data on the population in accordance with the law, which is created for the purpose of registration according to the place of residence of persons residing in the RA (regardless of the citizenship), as well as of citizens residing in foreign countries (hereinafter: residents).

Person, who acquired RA citizenship, not having a permanent place of residence in the RA and permanently or mostly residing in foreign countries, when being included in the state register based on RA citizen's documents is registered by address of his/her place of residence of a foreign country.

(amended article 3 of the LA -26-N Law)

ARTICLE 4. THE MAIN PRINCIPLES OF THE CREATION AND CONDUCT OF THE REGISTER AND THE STRUCTURE OF THE REGISTER

1. The main principles of the creation and conduct of the register are the following:
 - 1) The uniformity of the creation and conduct
 - 2) The availability of personal registration data to the bodies (persons) only having relevant powers defined by the law;
 - 3) The free movement of the resident and free choice of place of residence;
 - 4) The registration of the resident only in one place of permanent residence;
 - 5) The freedom of the resident to freely familiarize to his/her personal registration data
2. The Register consists of the central Register and local departments of the central register (hereinafter: local registers):
 3. The works of the creation and conduct of the Register are financed by state budget and other means not prohibited by the legislation.
 4. (part 4 of the article 4 is no longer in force 20.05.05 LA-131-N law)
 5. The public administration body authorized by the Government of the RA conducts the Central Register and coordinates the works of conduct of local registers.

ARTICLE 5. THE PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA IN THE REGISTER

1. The following personal registration data is being processed in the Register:
 - 1) Social insurance card number
 - 2) First name, last name, as well as the patronymic name, if certifying documents are submitted.
 - 3) The status (the status of the habitation or of being a refugee).
 - 4) Citizenship
 - 5) Date, month, year and place of birth
 - 6) Sex;
 - 7) Address of the place (habitation) of permanent residence.
 - 8) The data of the documents certifying the citizenship of the RA and (or) of a foreign country and the right of residence in the RA (type, number, date of issue, validity period, the issuing body).
 - 9) Date, month, year and place of death
10. Biometric data if their processing is directly linked with the law.
2. In case of changing the data indicated in part one of this article, state bodies, making changes, in a seven-day period officially inform about that the bodies conducting register. The procedure of changing and supplementing the individual data in the Register is defined by the government of the RA.
 3. (article 5 part 3 is no longer in force 20.05.05 LA-131-N law)
 4. The individual registration data of the registered resident is preserved also after his/her death, the legal regime of which may be changed by the procedure defined by the Government of the RA.
(article 5 amended 24.09.03 LA-2-N, 06.12.07 LA-295-N laws)
(article 5 will be amended from 01.06.12` 30.11.11 LA-290-N law)

ARTICLE 6. THE SOURCES OF THE PERSONAL DATA ACCUMULATION IN THE REGISTER

1. Authorized state bodies of the relevant fields are obliged to provide the bodies conducting register with personal registration data of the population:
 - 1) On the citizens of the RA born in the RA;
 - 2) On the citizens of the RA born outside of the RA;
 - 3) On persons, who have obtained RA citizenship;
 - 4) On persons born in the RA, but not considered the citizen of the RA, whose parents reside in the RA;
 - 5) On dual citizens of the RA;
 - 6) On persons who have obtained the status of RA habitation
 - 7) On persons permanently residing in the RA, but not having RA citizenship.
 - 8) On persons who have obtained political asylum in the RA
 - 9) On persons who have obtained temporary shelter in the RA
 - 10) On persons who have obtained the status of refugee in the RA
2. Local self government bodies (offices and organizations under their subordination) provide with the personal registration data the relevant body conducting the register, and the authorized bodies of public administration - the body conducting central register.
(article 6 amended 20.05.05 LA-131-N, 06.12.07 LA-295-N laws).

ARTICLE 7. THE OBLIGATION TO INFORM THE REGISTER

1. To be included in the Register, the resident of the RA is obliged in accordance with the procedure and timelines defined by this law, provide the local state register with the address of his/her permanent place of residence (habitation), as well as personal data envisaged by article 5 part 1 of this law. Permanent place of residence (habitation) is considered the territory, where the resident has a right to reside, which he considers and declares as his habitation. In case of changing the place of permanent residence (habitation), the person is obliged to inform in a written form the local state register in seven-day period, where his/her new habitation is located. The resident can be registered in only one habitation.
2. The citizen of the Republic of Armenia leaving the RA territory for more than six months period or residing for more than six months out of the RA territory is obliged in a written form to inform the respective

consular service of the Republic of Armenia or diplomatic representation; the latter in a seven-day period shall officially inform the body conducting the central register. (Amended article 7 of LA-131-N law on 20.05.05)

ARTICLE 8. THE PROCEDURE OF TRANSFERRING PERSONAL REGISTRATION DATA BETWEEN THE BODIES CONDUCTING THE REGISTER

1. The body conducting local register, after the receipt of the personal data of the resident, in a seven-day period transfers it to the body conducting the central Register, and the body conducting central register transfers that to the body conducting local register.

2. In a seven-day period after the receipt of the application on permanently residing in a new habitation, the relevant body conducting local register officially informs about this both the body conducting central register and the body conducting the local register of the community, where the applicant has been registered before. After the official information, the body conducting the local register of the previous place of residence within three working days removes the resident from the registration and officially sends his/her personal registration data to the body conducting the local register of the new place of permanent residence of the resident.

3. After the receipt of the data indicated in article 7, part 2 of this Law the body conducting the central register in a seven-day period officially informs the body conducting the local register of that community, where he/she has been registered before. The body conducting the local register of the previous place of permanent residence within three working days removes from registration the residents indicated in article 7 part two of this law, by preserving their data of personal registration in the local register.

ARTICLE 9. THE PROCEDURE OF THE REGISTRATION OF THE POPULATION

The procedure of the population registration and the list of necessary documents are defined by the Government of the Republic of Armenia. (article 9 amended 20.05.05 LA-131-N law)

ARTICLE 10. Liability for law violation

Violators of this law shall be hold liable in accordance with the law.

ARTICLE 11. ENTRY INTO FORCE

This law enters into force the following day after the official promulgation.

ARTICLE 12. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

1. In accordance with the timelines submitted by the authorized body, authorized bodies of public administration in accordance with the law transfer to the central register the personal registration data of the persons residing in the RA and of citizens serving at registration in diplomatic missions and consular services of the RA.

2. After the receipt of the personal registration data indicated in part one of this article, the body conducting the central register within three months provide local registers with the personal registration data of the persons residing in the respective territory.

3. Persons residing in the RA, who are not registered, are obliged to be registered in respective local registers by July 1, 2006. The Government of the RA shall define the procedure of informing the population in connection with the registration.

4. (part 4 is no longer in force 30.11.11 ՃՕ-290-Ս law)

5. The state register of the population operates from July 1, 2006:

(article 12 amended 24.09.03 LA-2-N, 20.05.05 LA-131-N laws)

(article 12 will be amended from 01.06.12: 30.11.11 LA-290-N law)