



SIM-Card Regulation and the Role of the National ID

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The National Communications Authority (NCA) is the regulatory body for the communications sector in Somalia.



NCA was established through the Communications Act of 2017, and its mandate is to regulate the Communications and Technology Sector.



NCA is responsible for:

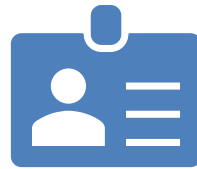
- Development of ICT Sector
- enabling and ensuring fair and sustainable competition
- carrier interconnection
- Consumer Protection
- Promoting Investment in the ICT Sector



Current Approach of SIM Card Registration



Telecom Operators use whatever identification is available



Passport, Immigration ID Card, and Birth Certificate are all used in the registration.

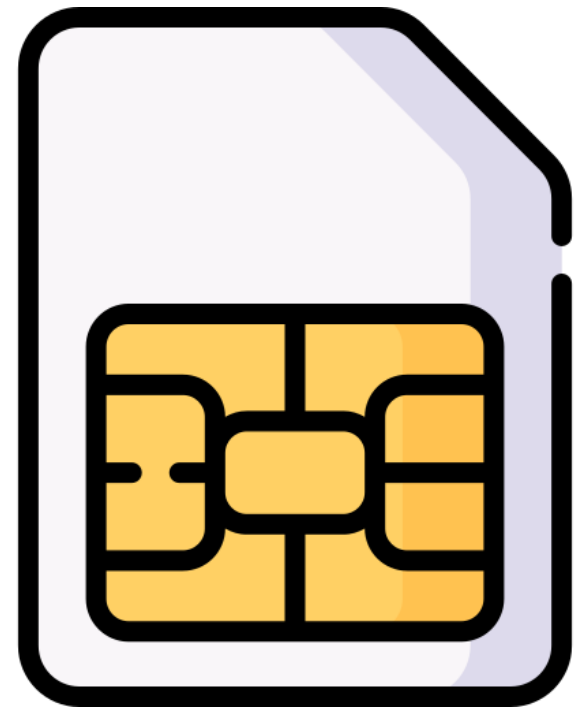


If not available, Telecom operators use a guarantor method

SIM Card Registration

- **Mandate by the Law**

- The National Communications Authority (NCA) has been legally mandated to implement the SIM card registration process as stipulated by the National Communications Law.
- This initiative is in line with the government's broader objectives to enhance national security, protect consumer rights, and ensure the integrity of the telecommunications sector

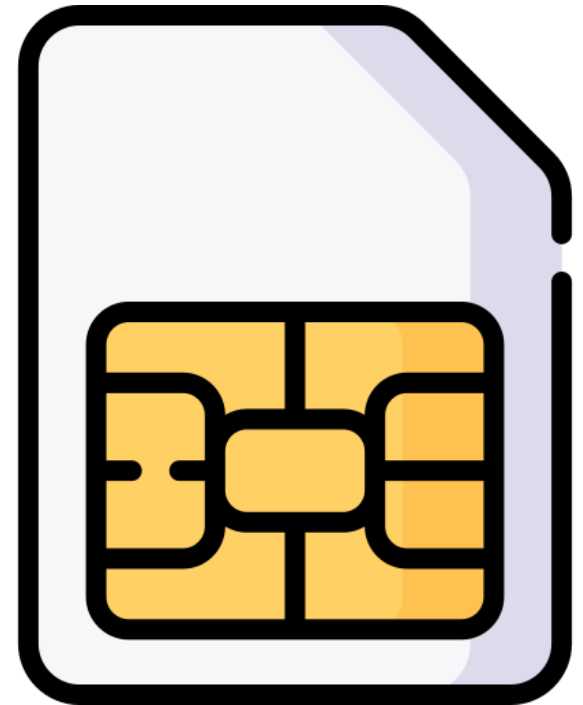


Role of the National ID

- One of the critical requirements for completing the SIM card registration is the possession of a National ID.
- The National ID serves as a unique identifier, ensuring that every SIM card is registered to a verified individual, thereby reducing the risk of fraud and misuse.
- This process ties individual identity to communication services, creating a robust system for monitoring and regulation.

Objectives of SIM Card Registration

- 1. Security Enhancement**
 - Combatting Illegal Activities
- 2. Consumer Protection**
 - Combatting Illegal Activities
- 3. Market Regulation and Integrity**
 - Ensuring Compliance



The Necessity of SIM Card Registration

01

Enhancing National Security

- Crime Prevention

02

Protecting Consumer Rights

- Reducing Fraud and Identity Theft

03

Supporting Regulatory Compliance and Market Integrity

- Ensuring Legal Compliance

Economic and Social Impacts



Economic Growth

A secure, well-regulated, and transparent market attracts investment



Promoting Social Stability

Supports national initiatives such as e-government services

Overview of the SIM Card Registration Regulations



Registration Requirements for Individual Subscribers



Registration Requirements for Organizations and Businesses



Procedures for Registering Existing Subscribers



Data Storage and Protection



Enforcement and Compliance



Data Verification



Consumer Protection



Limitation of Number of SIM Cards



Suspension of SIM cards



Deactivation of SIM cards



Compliance, Penalties and Appeals



Cooperation with NIRA



Transition Time

Consultation Procedure (Article 32)



Public Consultation



Telecom Operators
Consultation



Gov Agencies Consultation
(MOCT, NIRA, CBS, Others)



Board Approval



National ID Enforcement

- The SIM card registration can be the main enforcement approach for the National ID
- Also, All Somali People have SIM cards with
 - Mobile Money (Evc, Edahab)
 - Mobile banking and other services

For more information on NCA

www.nca.gov.so