



Examined and certified by:


Clerk of the Parliament

In the name and on behalf of His Majesty King Charles III, I hereby assent to this Act
this  day of  2025




King's Representative

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An Act to amend the Cook Islands Immigration Act 2021 to—

- (a) allow for those who were granted permanent residence or honorary permanent residence under the Entry, Residence, and Departure Act 1971-72 to be subject to revocation of their residence status in the same way as persons granted permanent residence or honorary permanent residence under the Act:
- (b) require persons granted permanent residence or honorary permanent residence under that former Act or this Act to provide updated information to the Department on request.

The Parliament of the Cook Islands enacts as follows—

- 1 Title**
This Act is the Cook Islands Immigration Amendment Act 2025.
- 2 Commencement**
This Act comes into force on the day after the date on which it is assented to by the King's Representative.
- 3 Principal Act**
This Act amends the Cook Islands Immigration Act 2021.
- 4 New section 31A inserted (Request for updated information)**
After section 31, insert:
"31A Request for updated information

- “(1) A person who was granted honorary permanent residence status under the former Act or this Act must, if requested by the Department, provide updated information to it.
- “(2) Regulations may provide procedural requirements for making that request and these may include giving public notice that identifies the person.
- “(3) If the person refuses or fails to provide the information, the Department may take steps under section 33 to revoke their residence status.
- “(4) In this section and section 48A, **updated information** includes information that is missing or incomplete from the Department’s records relating to a person’s residence status.”

5 Section 33 amended (Order in Council may revoke honorary permanent residence status)

After section 33(2)(a), insert:

- “(aa) the holder has refused or failed to provide updated information to the Department under section 31A; or”

6 New section 48A inserted (Request for updated information)

After section 48, insert:

“48A Request for updated information

- “(1) A person who was granted permanent residence status under the former Act or this Act must, if requested by the Department, provide updated information to it.
- “(2) Regulations may provide procedural requirements for making that request and these may include giving public notice that identifies the person.
- “(3) If the person refuses or fails to provide the information, the Department may take steps under section 50 or 51 to revoke their residence status.”

7 Section 50 amended (Application to High Court to revoke permanent residence status)

After section 50(a), insert:

- “(aa) the holder has refused or failed to provide updated information to the Department under section 48A; or”

8 Section 238 amended (Existing honorary residence status unaffected)

Replace section 238(2) with:

- “(2) The person’s status as an honorary permanent resident is not subject to any conditions under this Act except as provided in subsection (3).
- “(3) The provisions that apply to the person are—
 - “(a) section 31A that allows the Department to request updated information; and
 - “(b) sections 32 and 33 that allow the revocation of honorary permanent residence status.”

9 Section 239 amended (Existing permanent residence status unaffected)

Replace section 239(2) with:

- “(2) The person’s status as a permanent resident is not subject to any conditions under this Act except as provided in subsection (3).
- “(3) The provisions that apply to the person are—
 - “(a) section 48A that allows the Department to request updated information; and
 - “(b) sections 49 to 52 that allow the revocation of permanent residence status.”

This Act is administered by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration.

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