NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION AUTHORITY (NIA)

PRESS RELEASE

NIA Temporarily Suspends Date of Birth Updates

The National Identification Authority (NIA) wishes to inform the general public that, effective today, Monday, 9th November 2026, all updates to dates of birth on the Ghana Card are temporarily suspended until further notice.

The decision follows the Authority's review of the date of birth update process, which has revealed the need for stronger safeguards. The NIA is engaging relevant institutions, including the West African Examinations Council (WAEC), the Births and Deaths Registry (BDR), and other key stakeholders, to further enhance the guidelines for the process. These engagements aim to ensure a transparent, credible, and standardised system for handling such requests.

During the temporary suspension, no new date of birth update requests shall be accepted or processed at any NIA office nationwide, and requests already in progress will not be approved. The Authority will inform the public once consultations are complete and the approved guidelines are ready.

The NIA apologises for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciates the public's understanding and cooperation.

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Signed
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