

Statutory Instrument 128 of 2012¹

[CAP. 10:29

Census and Statistics Regulations, 2012

IT is hereby notified that the Minister of Finance has, in terms of section 12 of the Census and Statistics Act [*Chapter 10:29*], made the following regulations:—

Title

1. These rules may be cited as the Census and Statistics Regulations, 2012.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations, unless inconsistent with the context—
“census night” means midnight on the night between 17th and 18th days of August, 2012;
“census period” means the period from the 17th August, 2012, to the 28th August, 2012.

Information to be collected

3. The census to be taken in the census period shall be of—
 - (a) the number of persons within Zimbabwe; and
 - (b) the other particulars prescribed in the Schedule.

Additional information

4. (1) The additional information referred to in subsection (2) shall be taken in respect of any person within Zimbabwe who is travelling by road or rail or who is staying in a hotel, residential club, boarding house or similar establishment on the census night.

(2) A person referred to in subsection (1) shall, when asked by an authorised officer, state whether any particulars in respect of him or her have been supplied to any other authorised officer.

*Responsibilities of heads of households, hotel managers,
persons in charge of institutions*

5. (1) Every person who is head or who is the acting head of a household during the census period shall ensure that the prescribed particulars, or such of them as an authorised officer may require, are supplied in respect of every person who was in his or her dwelling between the census night and 12.00 p.m. on the 18th of August, 2012.

(2) The manager or other person in charge of a hotel, residential club, hostel, boarding house or a similar establishment shall—

- (a) obtain from an authorised officer a sufficient number of forms to enable each family or individual person who is in his or her establishment between the census night and

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12.00 p.m. on the 18th of August, 2012, to complete separate forms in respect of themselves;

- (b) distribute forms and envelopes to the persons referred to in paragraph (a);
- (c) collect all the forms in their sealed envelopes;
- (d) hand the unopened envelopes to an authorised officer on demand.

(3) The person who is in charge of, or who is acting in charge of, any school, hospital, prison, barracks or similar institutions shall ensure that the prescribed particulars, or such of them as an authorised officer may require, are supplied in respect of every person in the institution between the census night and 12.00 p.m. on the 18th of August, 2012.

(4) It shall be the duty of every person to whom the prescribed particulars relate, to supply them to any authorised officer being required to do so.

Responsibility to ensure completion of census forms

6. If, by the 28th of August, 2012, no prescribed particulars have been supplied to an authorised officer in respect of any person who was within Zimbabwe during the census period, that person shall forthwith report the fact to an authorised officer and shall supply, on demand, any particulars required of him or her by an authorised officer.

Repeal

7. The Census and Statistics Regulations, 2002, published in Statutory Instrument 201 of 2002, are repealed.

SCHEDULE (Section 3(b))

INFORMATION TO BE COLLECTED IN THE 2012 POPULATION CENSUS 18th TO 27th OF AUGUST, 2012.

Every member of each household will be listed and some demographic information collected using a census questionnaire, such information to be collected during the 2012 census includes but is not limited to the following—

- (a) demographic characteristics of all individuals in the household (for example, age, sex, ethnic origin, usual place of residence amongst many others);
- (b) education status for persons three years and above;
- (c) economic activity for persons aged ten years and above;
- (d) fertility of women aged fifteen years to forty-nine years;
- (e) living conditions for all enumerated households (household tenure status, type of dwelling unit, availability of electricity, main water source, toilet facility, energy for cooking and so forth);
- (f) deaths in the households in the last twelve months.