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Pakistan: Validity period of a Computerised National Identity Card (CNIC), particularly whether CNICs for adults and seniors can have a date of issue where the day and month of the date of issue are different from the day and month of the expiration date

Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, Ottawa

In correspondence with the Research Directorate, an official at the Consulate General of Pakistan in Toronto stated that the validity of CNICs "may vary depending on the age and date of birth of the applicant" (Pakistan 7 Oct. 2013). Also in correspondence with the Research Directorate, an academic at McGill University indicated that "CNICs used to be issued for six years, but, currently they can go up to 10 years" (Academic 6 Oct. 2013). Corroborating information could not be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate within the time constraints of this Response.

The official at the Consulate General of Pakistan in Toronto stated that the expiry dates of CNICs "may or may not" consist of the same day and month as the day and month of issue printed on the card (Pakistan 7 Oct. 2013). The official added that National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) "special formulas are used to calculate the expiry dates on CNICs" (ibid.). Similarly, the McGill University academic stated that, based on independent research, the date of issuance and date of expiry of CNICs "do not always 'correspond'" (Academic 6 Oct. 2013). Further information could not be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate within the time constraints of this Response.

This Response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Research Directorate within time constraints. This Response is not, and does not purport to be, conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim for refugee protection. Please find below the list of sources consulted in researching this Information Request.

References

Academic, McGill University, Montreal. 6 October 2013. Correspondence to the Research Directorate.

Pakistan. 7 October 2013. Consulate General of Pakistan in Toronto. Correspondence from an official to the Research Directorate.

Additional Sources Consulted

Oral sources: Attempts to contact the following individuals and organizations were unsuccessful within the time constraints of this Response: Evangelical Asian Church in Toronto; four lawyers in Pakistan; Pakistan – Consulate General in Montreal, Consulate General in Vancouver, High Commission in Ottawa.

Internet sites, including: Pakistan – Consulate General in Montreal, Consulate General in Vancouver, High Commission in Ottawa, National Database and Registration Authority.

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