

CENSUS ACT
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CENSUS REGULATIONS, 1991
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SCHEDULE

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred on the Minister of Finance and Development Planning by section 11 of the Census Act, the following Regulations are hereby made —

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Census Regulations, 1991. Citation
2. The duties of officers appointed to be census officers shall be — Duties of
census
officers
 - (a) to enumerate persons within Botswana during the period the census is to be taken at such times, other than the periods between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m, and at such places as may be expedient;
 - (b) to ask such questions of any persons so enumerated as may be necessary in order to obtain, in respect of that person and, where expedient, in respect of any other person such as is referred to in regulation 4, the information specified in the Schedule hereto; and
 - (c) to map inhabited areas of Botswana and to include in the maps, among other things, all arable land and cattle post areas.
3. Every person questioned by a census officer in or within the precincts of any house or dwelling shall, if so required by such census officer, — Duty of
persons
to give
information
concerning
other
members of
household
 - (a) give to the best of his knowledge and belief the information referred to in the Schedule in respect of any member of the household who is absent from the house or other dwelling at the time of such questioning;
 - (b) give such information as he may possess as to how long any member of the household who is absent from Botswana has been so absent; and
 - (c) give to the best of his knowledge and belief, the information referred to in the Schedule in respect of any other person who spent the preceding night at the house or other dwelling.
4. A census officer may require any person who has attained the age or apparent age of 12 years to give any information required by or under these Regulations. Persons
who may be
required
to give
information

Forms to
be used

5. Forms to be used for purposes of section 6, 7 and 9 of the Act shall be such forms as may be approved therefor by the Minister.

Offences

6. (1) Any person who, without reasonable cause, —

(a) fails to give any information which he is required by or under these Regulations to give;

(b) for purposes of the census, gives to any census officer any information which he knows to be false or does not believe to be true; or

(c) wilfully hinders or obstructs any census officer in the exercise of the powers or the performance of the duties conferred or imposed on him by the Act or these Regulations,

shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of P100 and to imprisonment for 3 months.

(2) In any proceedings for an offence under subregulation (1), the court shall presume that the accused person acted without reasonable cause unless the contrary is proved.

SCHEDULE
INFORMATION TO BE OBTAINED BY CENSUS OFFICER
IN RESPECT OF ANY PERSON

Name

Relationship to the head of the household

Sex

Age

Citizenship

Place of usual residence

Residence of each member of household a year ago

Education

Marital status

Economic status

Occupation

Industry

Number of children (women only)

Members of household absent at the time of census

Any disability of members of household

Deaths in the household during last year

Agricultural activity and ownership of agricultural land

Source of household cash

Type of housing unit

Method of acquisition of housing unit

Duration of occupation of housing unit

Number of rooms in housing unit

Major source of water supply to the household

Material of construction of housing unit

Principal sources of fuel for lighting and cooking

MADE this 14th day of May, 1991.

F.G. MOGAE,
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Planning.