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The Cabinet makes the following Regulations under Section 32 of the *Naoero Citizenship Act 2017*:

1 Citation

These Regulations may be cited as the *Naoero Citizenship (Oaths and Affirmations) Regulations 2026.*

2 Commencement

These Regulations commence on the date they are notified in the Gazette.

3 Definitions

In these Regulations:

'audio-visual link' means technology that enables persons at different locations to simultaneously see, hear and communicate with each other in real time; and

'Judge' means a Judge of the Supreme Court.

4 Oath or affirmation before Chief Justice or Judge

For the purposes of Section 20 of the Act, a person who is required to take an oath or make an affirmation before the Chief Justice or a Judge may do so:

(a) in the physical presence of the Chief Justice or Judge using the Form in the Schedule; or

(b) by means of an audio-visual link in accordance with Regulation 5.

5 Administration of oath or affirmation by audio-visual link

(1) The Chief Justice or Judge may administer an oath or affirmation in the form in the Schedule by audio-visual link where he or she is satisfied that:

(a) the identity of the person taking the oath or making the affirmation has been established; and

(b) the audio-visual link enables the Chief Justice or Judge and the person to see and hear each other clearly throughout the proceedings.

(2) Immediately after taking the oath or making the affirmation by audio-visual link, the person shall sign the oath or affirmation in the form in the Schedule before:

(a) a notary public authorised to practise in the country in which the person is physically present; or

(b) any other person approved in writing by the Chief Justice.

(3) The notary public or approved person shall certify that the:

a. person appeared before him or her and signed the oath or affirmation in his or her presence;

b. identity of the person was verified; and

c. signature was affixed on the date specified in the Certificate of Citizenship.

(4) The signed and certified oath or affirmation shall be transmitted to the Chief Justice or Judge in the manner directed by the Chief Justice or Judge.

(5) An oath or affirmation administered by audio-visual link has the same force and effect as if it had been administered in person.

(6) The Chief Justice or Judge may require the person taking the oath or making the affirmation to produce identification documents before or during the proceedings.

(7) The Chief Justice or Judge may adjourn or discontinue the proceedings where the quality of the audio-visual link is insufficient to ensure the integrity of the administration of the oath or affirmation.

6 Record of oath or affirmation

(1) Where an oath or affirmation is administered by audio-visual link, the Chief Justice or Judge may direct the proceedings be recorded.

(2) Any oath, affirmation, declaration or certificate signed in accordance with these Regulations is valid for the purposes of the Act.

7 Discretion of Chief Justice or Judge

Nothing in these Regulations requires the Chief Justice or a Judge to administer an oath or affirmation by audio-visual link where the Chief Justice or Judge considers that the circumstances require the person to appear in person.

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SCHEDULE

[Regulations 4 and 5]

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE AND CERTIFICATE OF NOTARIAL WITNESS

PART 1

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, **.....**, swear by the Almighty God that I will faithfully bear true allegiance, and will fulfill my duties as a lawful citizen of the Republic of Naoero. So help me God!

Signature: .....

Date: .....

Place: .....

Administered before:
☐ Chief Justice of Naoero
☐ Judge of the Supreme Court of Naoero
Name: .....
Signature: .....
Date: .....

AFFIRMATION OF ALLEGIANCE

I, **.....**, affirm that I will faithfully bear true allegiance, and will fulfil my duties as a lawful citizen of the Republic of Naoero.

Signature: .....

Date: .....

Place: .....

Administered before:
☐ Chief Justice of Naoero
☐ Judge of the Supreme Court of Naoero
Name: .....
Signature: .....
Date: .....

PART 2

CERTIFICATE OF NOTARIAL WITNESS AND IDENTITY VERIFICATION
(To be completed only where the oath is taken by audio-visual link)
I, **.....**, being a duly authorised Notary Public in **.....** [Country],

CERTIFY THAT:

1. On the ..... day of ..... 20...., the person identified below personally appeared before me:
   Full Name: .....

   Date of Birth: .....

Passport or Identification Number: .....

Residential Address: .....

.....

2. I verified the identity of the above-named person by examination of the identification document specified above.

3. The above-named person informed me that he or she had taken the Oath of Allegiance contained in Part 1 of this Schedule before the Chief Justice or a Judge of the Supreme Court of Naoero by audio-visual link.

4. The above-named person signed Part 1 of this Schedule in my presence.

5. I witnessed the signature and certify that the signature appearing above is the signature of the person identified in this certificate.

6. To the best of my knowledge, the person signed the oath voluntarily and appeared to understand its contents.

PARTICULARS OF NOTARY PUBLIC

Name: .....
Address: .....
Telephone: .....
Email: .....
Registration or Licence Number (if applicable): .....

NOTARIAL CERTIFICATION

Signature of Notary Public: .....
Date: .....
Place: .....
Official Seal or Stamp:
[AFFIX NOTARIAL SEAL HERE]

Registrar's Use Only

Date Received: .....
Received By: .....
Citizenship File Number: .....