

NRD: MyKid issuance delay due to microchip shortage

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MELAKA: There will be a six-month delay in the issuance of MyKid for newborns in the country following the global microchip shortage caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, said National Registration Department (NRD) director-general Datuk Ruslin Jusoh.

He said, parents can still submit new applications but will have to wait a little longer because the NRD will process the application in stages according to their respective turn.

"Parents can also use the birth certificate for daily affairs of their children who are yet to receive their MyKid because it is a valid identification document issued by the government," he told reporters today.

He also urged all government and private agencies to accept birth certificates for any business involving children as it is the only document recognised in important matters such as applications for school admission.

Earlier, Ruslin presented a MyKad to a disabled girl Nur Aleeya Ammar, 12, through the department's Menyemai Kasih Rakyat (Mekar) programme in Bukit Godek, Semabok Dalam, with Melaka NRD director Norazle Sulaiman also present.

Commenting on the programme, he said the outreach programme for the issuance of identity documents such as MyKad and birth certificates for persons with disabilities, the elderly, bedridden patients and residents in remote areas had seen a positive impact since it was introduced in 2013.

"To date, we have processed 292,999 applications through 14,340 series of the Mekar programme held nationwide, which is NRD's productive approach in ensuring that all residents enjoy the facilities offered by the government.

"In Melaka, a total of 78 series of the programme have been held and benefited 212 applicants," he said.

Meanwhile, Nur Aleeya's grandmother and guardian, Rohana Ariffin, 58, said she was grateful to the NRD for implementing the programme, which made it easier for her to submit an application for the MyKad.

She said the application process was done by the Melaka NRD Mekar Unit personnel who came to their house on Nur Aleeya's birthday on Jan 5, and she received her MyKad within a week. – Bernama