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**THE CENSUS ACT**  
(Cap. 53)

**THE CENSUS ORDER 1999**

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 2 of the Census Act, the Prime Minister hereby makes the following order -

1. This Order may be cited as the Census Order 1999.
2. It is hereby directed that a Census shall be taken of the inhabitants of Solomon Islands and that the time in relation to which the particulars required by the census shall be stated shall be midnight of the twenty-first day of November, 1999, except for households in special areas of the country as designated by the Census Commissioner, in which this time can be any night of the period mentioned under paragraph 3.
3. For the purposes of the special areas specified in paragraph 2, the Census shall be taken between seventh November, 1999, and seventh December, 1999.
4. For the purpose of such Census **REUBEN TOVUTOVU** is hereby appointed to be the Census Commissioner.

Dated at Honiara this twenty-seventh day of September 1999.

**BARTHOLOMEW ULUFA'ALU**  
Prime Minister

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## THE CENSUS ACT

(Cap. 53)

## THE CENSUS RULES 1999

IN exercise of the powers conferred by Section 5 of the Census Act, the Census Commissioner hereby makes the following rules -

1. These Rules may be cited as the Census Rules, 1999, and shall apply to the conduct of the Census Order 1999.

2. In these Rules unless the context otherwise requires -

“Census” means the Census ordered to be taken by the Census Order 1999,

“Census Return” means the Census Return prescribed by Rule 6;

“Collective household” means a household of at least six unrelated members including households consisting of inmates of a prison, guests in hotels, lodgers or boarders lodging or boarding houses, persons in public or private charitable, religious, educational institutions, health institutions or passengers or crew on vessels;

“District” means one of five districts, defined for Census purposes. Western district includes Western Province; Choiseul Province; Central district includes Isabel Province, Central Province and Honiara Town Council; Southern district includes Guadalcanal Province and Rennel and Bellona Province; Malaita district coincides with Malaita Province; and Eastern district includes Makira Province and Temotu Province;

“Enumeration area” means an area so declared and defined under rule 3;

“Household” means one or more persons having common arrangements for providing, preparing and/or consuming food;

"Private household" means a household consisting of one or more related persons. It may include one or more non-relatives and visitors;

"Superintendent" means a person appointed as such under rule 4;

"Area manager" means a person appointed as such under rule 4;

"Supervisor" means any person appointed as such under rule 4;

"Enumerator" means any person appointed as such under rule 4; and

"Time prescribed" means the time prescribed in the Census Order 1999.

3. For the purposes of these Rules each district may be divided into such enumeration areas as the Census Commissioner may by writing under his hand declare and define.

4. (1) The Census Commissioner may by writing under his hand appoint such and so many persons as he may declare necessary to be Superintendents, Area Managers, Supervisors, Enumerators and other officers for the purpose of the Census.

(2) The persons named in the First Schedule are hereby appointed such Superintendents in charge of the respective districts therein set forth and shall carry out such duties as assigned to them by the Census Commissioner.

(3) Subject to the other provisions of these Rules and to any directions the Census Commissioner may see fit to give, the Superintendent of any district may by writing under his hand appoint such and so many persons as he shall deem necessary to be Supervisors and Enumerators within such district for the purpose of carrying out the Census therein.

5. It shall be the duty of every supervisor and enumerator to act under the instruction of the Superintendent of his district and to carry out such duties as shall be assigned to him under the Census Act.

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6. The Census shall be taken by means of the completion of a Census questionnaire in the manner described in Rule 8 in the form set forth in the Second Schedule in respect of each and every household.

7. All persons who are alive staying in Solomon Islands at the Census time defined in the Census Order 1999 shall be enumerated in the Census except:-

- (i) Foreign diplomatic staff and their families
- (ii) Foreign military personnel; and
- (iii) Foreigners visiting the country for two months or less.

8. (1) When requested to do so by any enumerator, in each household, whether private or collective, the head of the household or the person acting for him or her shall provide to such enumerator all such information and particulars as shall be necessary or required to enable the proper completion of a Census questionnaire in respect of any such households and of every person who was present in the household at the time prescribed.

(2) Any person present in the household at the time prescribed shall on the request of the head of the household or the person acting for him or her, or of any enumerator provide all such information and particulars in respect of himself or herself as are necessary to enable due compliance by the head of the household with the provision of the preceding paragraph in so far as he or she is concerned.

9. Any person acting as a supervisor or enumerator under the Census Act shall carry with him his/her written appointment as such and shall on being reasonable demanded so to do produce and show it to the person making such demand.

#### FIRST SCHEDULE

##### CENSUS DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

ALI PITU OFFER  
GEORGE KIRIAU NOA

##### CENSUS DISTRICT

Western District  
Central District

**CENSUS DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT**

**CENSUS DISTRICT**

ROLLAN TITIULU  
SIMON JUDE HOUMA

Eastern District  
Southern District

Sheet No:

**Solomon Islands  
1999  
Population  
Census**



**Confidential**

Province	Ward	EA	Household
Village name: .....			
Village number: [ ] [ ] [ ]			
This is sheet ..... of ..... sheets			
If a new sheet was added to this household after census night, indicate the other sheet: Sheet No: ..... Folder No: .....			

Household questions (ask head of household)

H1 Type of building	H2 Main material of construction of building			H3 Occupancy status of dwelling	H4 Type of dwelling	H5 Does this household own this dwelling?
	H2a Outer walls	H2b Roof	H2c Floor			
Detached 1	Thatched/palm leaves 1	Thatched/palm leaves 1	Earth/soil 1	Occupied 1	Temporary 1	Owens 1
Semi-detached 2	Timber 2	Corrugated iron 2	Timber 2	Under construction 2	Semi-permanent 2	Rents 2
Labour line 3	Concrete 3	Timber 3	Concrete 3	Vacant for rent 3	Permanent 3	Lives rent free 3
Terrace/appart. 4	Fibro 4	Concrete 4	Other 4	Vacant for sale 4		Other 4
Flat 5	Corrugated iron 5	Other 5		Seasonally vacant 5		
Part of business 6	Other 6			Vacant, other 6		
Other 7						

  

H6 Year of construction of the dwelling	H7 No. of rooms in dwelling	H8 Piped water supply from SIWA or RWSS	H9 Main source of drinking water for the household	H10 Modern toilet facilities in the dwelling		
				H10a Modern toilet facility used	H10b If H10a is yes: Location of toilet	H10c If H10a is yes: Type of toilet
Before independence in 1978 1		Inside dwelling 1	Piped water in dwelling 1	Yes 1	Inside dwelling 1	Flush toilet 1
Between independence in 1978 and 1986 census 2		Outside dwelling, private use 2	Piped water outside, private 2	No 2	Outside dwelling, for own use 2	Pour toilet 2
After 1986 census, specify year: [ ] [ ] [ ]		Outside dwelling, shared 3	Rain tank 4		Outside dwelling, shared 3	Pit toilet 3
		No piped water (or at more than 200 m.) 4	Bore hole / well / spring 5			Ventilated improved pit (VIP) toilet 4
			River / stream 6			Other, specify: 5
			Other source 7			

  

H11 Electricity in the dwelling	H12 Cooking fuel most used	H13 Working radio in the dwelling	H14 Bednets in the dwelling		H15 Type of household	H16 Number of deaths in this household in the last 12 months (write 0 if none)
			H14a Available	H14b No. of people slept under net		
No electricity 1	Tree material 1	Yes 1	Yes 1	Less than half year ago 1	Private household 1	
SIEA 2	Electricity 2	No 2	No 2	More than half year ago 2	Collective household 2 (if household is institution write its name)	
Private company 3	Gas 3			Never 3		
Own source 4	Kerosene 4					
Other 5	Other 5					

  

H17 Did the household produce any of the crops, livestock or fish listed during the past year?	H17a For own consumption		H17b For sale		H17c If planted for sale, planted-Commercially (1) or Traditionally (2)	If H16 is 0 continue directly with R17	If H16 is 1 or more, continue with section D
	Yes (1)	No (2)	Yes (1)	No (2)			
I. Crops							
Coconut	1 2	1 2	1 2	1 2	1 2		
Chillie	1 2	1 2	1 2	1 2	1 2		
Betelnut	1 2	1 2	1 2	1 2	1 2		
Rice	1 2	1 2	1 2	1 2	1 2		
Cocoa	1 2	1 2	1 2	1 2	1 2		
Yams	1 2	1 2					
Pana	1 2	1 2					
Cassava	1 2	1 2					
Taro	1 2	1 2					
Banana	1 2	1 2					
Pineapple	1 2	1 2					
Sweet potato	1 2	1 2					
Ngali nut	1 2	1 2					
Other fruit tree	1 2	1 2					
II. Livestock							
Pigs	1 2	1 2					
Other livestock	1 2	1 2					
III. Fish							
Fish	1 2	1 2	1 2	1 2	1 2		
Shellfish	1 2	1 2	1 2	1 2	1 2		
Crab/lobster	1 2	1 2	1 2	1 2	1 2		
Turtle	1 2	1 2	1 2	1 2	1 2		
Beche de mer	1 2	1 2	1 2	1 2	1 2		

  

H18 Number of persons in this household					
On this sheet		On other sheets		Total in this household	
H18a Males	H18b Females	H18c Males	H18d Females	H18e Males	H18f Females

  

Events of death (during the last 12 months)		
D1 No.	D2 Sex of each deceased person	D3 Age of each deceased person (in years)
1	Male	1
2	Female	2
3	Male	1
4	Female	2
5	Male	1
6	Female	2
7	Male	1
	Female	2

Continue with P2

For all persons in the household

P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	P8	P9	P10	P11
Person number	Sex	Relation to the head of the household	Is this person male or female?	Date of birth	Father	Mother	Disability	Citizenship	Ethnicity	Religion
				When were you born?	Is your father still alive?	Is your mother still alive?	Do you have any problem seeing, hearing, talking, moving, gripping or any mental problem?	What type of citizenship?	What race do you belong to?	What is your religion?
				P5a - Year P5b - Month	Yes 1 No 2	Yes 1 No 2	None 1 Seeing 2 Hearing 3 Speaking 4 Moving 5 Gripping 6 Mental 7 Multiple 8	Solomon Isl. 1 Australia 2 Fiji 3 PNG 4 Other, specify:	Melanesian 1 Polynesian 2 Micronesian 3 Chinese 4 European 5 Mixed 6 Other 7	CoM 1 RC/CC 2 SSEC 3 UC 4 Other, specify:
1	Head	1	Male	19.....	Yes 1 No 2	Yes 1 No 2	None 1	Solomon Isl. 1	Melanesian 1	CoM 1
	Spouse	2	Fem. 2				Seeing 2	Australia 2	Polynesian 2	RC/CC 2
	Child	3					Hearing 3	Fiji 3	Micronesian 3	SSEC 3
	Grandchild	4					Speaking 4	PNG 4	Chinese 4	UC 4
	Parent	5					Moving 5	Other, specify:	European 5	Other, specify:
	Brother/sister	6					Gripping 6		Mixed 6	
	Other relative	7					Mental 7		Other 7	
	None	8					Multiple 8			
2	Head	1	Male	19.....	Yes 1 No 2	Yes 1 No 2	None 1	Solomon Isl. 1	Melanesian 1	CoM 1
	Spouse	2	Fem. 2				Seeing 2	Australia 2	Polynesian 2	RC/CC 2
	Child	3					Hearing 3	Fiji 3	Micronesian 3	SSEC 3
	Grandchild	4					Speaking 4	PNG 4	Chinese 4	UC 4
	Parent	5					Moving 5	Other, specify:	European 5	Other, specify:
	Brother/sister	6					Gripping 6		Mixed 6	
	Other relative	7					Mental 7		Other 7	
	None	8					Multiple 8			
3	Head	1	Male	19.....	Yes 1 No 2	Yes 1 No 2	None 1	Solomon Isl. 1	Melanesian 1	CoM 1
	Spouse	2	Fem. 2				Seeing 2	Australia 2	Polynesian 2	RC/CC 2
	Child	3					Hearing 3	Fiji 3	Micronesian 3	SSEC 3
	Grandchild	4					Speaking 4	PNG 4	Chinese 4	UC 4
	Parent	5					Moving 5	Other, specify:	European 5	Other, specify:
	Brother/sister	6					Gripping 6		Mixed 6	
	Other relative	7					Mental 7		Other 7	
	None	8					Multiple 8			
4	Head	1	Male	19.....	Yes 1 No 2	Yes 1 No 2	None 1	Solomon Isl. 1	Melanesian 1	CoM 1
	Spouse	2	Fem. 2				Seeing 2	Australia 2	Polynesian 2	RC/CC 2
	Child	3					Hearing 3	Fiji 3	Micronesian 3	SSEC 3
	Grandchild	4					Speaking 4	PNG 4	Chinese 4	UC 4
	Parent	5					Moving 5	Other, specify:	European 5	Other, specify:
	Brother/sister	6					Gripping 6		Mixed 6	
	Other relative	7					Mental 7		Other 7	
	None	8					Multiple 8			
5	Head	1	Male	19.....	Yes 1 No 2	Yes 1 No 2	None 1	Solomon Isl. 1	Melanesian 1	CoM 1
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	Parent	5					Moving 5	Other, specify:	European 5	Other, specify:
	Brother/sister	6					Gripping 6		Mixed 6	
	Other relative	7					Mental 7		Other 7	
	None	8					Multiple 8			
7	Head	1	Male	19.....	Yes 1 No 2	Yes 1 No 2	None 1	Solomon Isl. 1	Melanesian 1	CoM 1
	Spouse	2	Fem. 2				Seeing 2	Australia 2	Polynesian 2	RC/CC 2
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8	Head	1	Male	19.....	Yes 1 No 2	Yes 1 No 2	None 1	Solomon Isl. 1	Melanesian 1	CoM 1
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	None	8					Multiple 8			



Complete this block for all persons born before 1968.  
If born in 1968 or later, continue with the next person in this household.

P22 Marital status Are you married? If not married, check if person never married, widowed or separated/divorced	P23 Paid work done Did you do any work for money or pay in last 7 days? If 'No', go to question P25	P24a Status Do you work self-employed, as wage earner, in family business, on contract or anything else?	P24b Industry What organization did you work for in last 7 days? What does this organization make or do?	P24c Paid occupation What is the kind of paid work in which you spent most time in last 7 days? For what have you worked if you had not been absent because of holiday, illness, pregnancy, etc.?	P24d Hours How many hours did you spend on this job in last 7 days? Go to question P27	P25 Why not worked for pay? What is the reason that you did not work for money or payment in last 7 days?	P26 Looking Are you looking for paid work?	P27 Unpaid work done Did you do any unpaid work in last 7 days? If 'No' (2), go to question P28a	P28a Unpaid occupation What is the kind of unpaid work on which you spent most time in last 7 days (for would have spent if you had not been absent because of illness, pregnancy, etc.)?	P28b Hours unpaid work How many hours of unpaid work did you do in last 7 days?
Never married 1 Currently married 2 Widowed 3 Separated/divorced 4	Yes 1 No 2	Self-employed 1 Waged 2 Family help 3 Contract 4 Other 5		Description of type of work:		Did unpaid work 1 Household duties 2 Retired/too old 3 Student 4 Disabled 5 No work available 6 Other 7	Yes 1 No 2	Yes 1 No 2	Description:	
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## Enumerator checklist

<p><b>FIRST VISIT</b></p> <p><b>Introduction</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introduce yourself, show your identity card.</li> <li>2. Ask for the head of household (or one who can act as head if the head is not present). Also, ask as many household members as possible to be present.</li> <li>3. Tell the purpose of your visit and answer any questions.</li> <li>4. Always be polite, patient and neutral.</li> </ol> <p><b>First-round enumeration</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Use a blue pen.</li> <li>6. Start interview by filling in the header (complete every sheet used for that household).</li> <li>7. Complete household questions (only on the first sheet used for that household).</li> <li>8. Make an inventory of all people who slept there last night and order them in the proper sequence (use notepad and see section 3.2.3, point 7 in the manual).</li> <li>9. Check whether you included everyone, also people who did night work, etc. (see section 2.5, point 2).</li> <li>10. Fill in the information in questions P2 to P5 for all those present at census moment. If necessary use the historical calendar and the age-year conversion table in the manual.</li> <li>11. Cross out those questions that do not apply to household members because they are males or because they are too young (see section 3.2.3, point 3 in the manual).</li> <li>12. Complete the remaining individual questions person by person. If necessary use the historical calendar, the age-year conversion table and the children-ever-born listings in the manual, the Ward table on the folder and the Ward maps.</li> <li>13. Complete question H18.</li> <li>14. Complete the header (<i>This is sheet ..... of ..... sheets</i>).</li> <li>15. Check that there are no empty questions for any of the respondents: they must either be filled in or crossed out.</li> <li>16. Check the consistency of the answers where possible.</li> <li>17. Copy the information from question H18 and the household number to Table D (census night) in the folder and sign there.</li> <li>18. Attach a label to the house with the date and the EA and household number.</li> <li>19. Ask the head of household to remember who slept in the household on the night of Sunday 21 to Monday 22 November. Give him/her a <i>Household record sheet</i> to write down their names.</li> <li>20. Thank the people for their assistance and tell them that you will come back after census night.</li> <li>21. Locate the next household in your EA and go there for the next interview.</li> </ol>	<p><b>SECOND VISIT</b></p> <p><b>Second-round enumeration</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>22. Use a red pen.</li> <li>23. Make all corrections as indicated on the questionnaires by your supervisor.</li> <li>24. Tick off who slept in the household on census night.</li> <li>25. Add any new people and delete people who were not present. If the head did not sleep there, identify another head and adjust the relation to the head of any other household member.</li> <li>26. Check whether there were any children born to one of the females listed, or whether any of their children died since your first visit. If so adjust question P29.</li> <li>27. Adjust question H18 if necessary.</li> <li>28. Adjust or complete the header if necessary.</li> <li>29. Copy the information from question H18 and the household number to Table D (census night) in the folder and sign there.</li> <li>30. Locate the next household in your EA and go there for the next interview.</li> <li>31. Thank the people again for their assistance.</li> </ol> <p><b>COMPLETION OF ENUMERATION</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>32. Check whether you filled in all required information on the questionnaires (in the headers and in the questions), on the folders, on the manual and on the notepad.</li> <li>33. Arrange all sheets in the proper order, numbered 01 to 25 in each folder.</li> <li>34. Hand all documents and all equipment over to your supervisor before 30 November and sign a sheet for reception.</li> </ol>
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Dated at Honiara this twenty-seventh day of September 1999.

**REUBEN TOVUTOVU**  
Census Commissioner

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Solomon Islands 1999 Population Census

**AUTHORITY TO TAKE A STATUTORY  
DECLARATION**

I, Reuben Tovutovu, Census Commissioner, appoint you  
..... as an officer authorised to take a statu-  
tory declaration under the Census Act Cap. 53, section 5(e).

Dated at Honiara this                      day of                      1999.

**REUBEN TOVUTOVU**  
Census Commissioner

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