



# Protection of Illiterate Customary Land Owners and Requirements to include Women, Minors, Absentee Persons and PWDs



The Illiterates Protection Act (Cap. 58) defines an “illiterate”, in relation to any document, to mean a person who is unable to read and understand the script or language in which the document is written or printed.

1. Any person instructed to write the name of the illiterate by way of signature to any document prior to the illiterate appending his or her mark that the document was read over and explained to the illiterate by that person must append his or her mark to the document and thereafter that person may write the name of the illiterate on the document and shall also write his or her own true and full name, provide a copy of NIN and address as a witness.
2. Women, minors absentee persons, Persons with disabilities and other groups of valuable persons are preferred by the law and must be included on the Certificate of Customary Ownership (CCO's) as owners under the family land.

