

China requires real-name registrations in online games

New rules by Chinese authorities requiring online game players to conduct real-name registrations with their valid identity documents will take effect in May.

According to a circular issued by the Ministry of Culture, online game operators are obliged to keep their users' registration information for supervision.

The circular also suggested the operators limit the time and maximum spending in online games for minor users.

Also from May, the information on people who have defaulted on court orders will be kept on a blacklist for up to five years, according to a judicial document issued by the Supreme People's Court.

A new regulation on proper urban management enforcement and another on supervision of the country's Red Cross societies will also take effect next month.