

Health Services

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**HEALTH SERVICES (HOTELS) REGULATIONS,
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Made by the Minister under section 10 of the Health Services Act. Cap. 44.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Health Services (Hotels) Regulations, 1969.

2. For the purposes of these regulations—

“ hotel ” includes every building used as a hotel or guest house, other than a lodging-house, a flat or rooming-house;

“ licence ” means a licence issued under regulation 4;

“ toilet facilities ” includes a bath or shower, a water closet and wash basin.

3. (1) A person who on his own behalf or on behalf of any other person operates or uses any building as a hotel without being licensed to do so shall be guilty of an offence.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a person who has operated a hotel before the date on which these regulations come into operation shall within six weeks thereafter apply for a licence.

4. (1) An application for a licence shall be in writing in the form which the Minister prescribes, and shall be lodged in the office of the Medical Officer of Health for the area in which the hotel is situate.

(2) The Medical Officer of Health shall submit to the Minister for his consideration the application for a licence, together with his report and recommendations thereon.

(3) The Minister, after consideration of the application and the report of the Medical Officer of Health, may grant the application subject to such conditions as he thinks fit.

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5. (1) On the approval of the application, a licence shall be issued to the applicant in the form prescribed by the Minister.

(2) A licence shall—

- (a) bear on its face the date of issue;
- (b) state the number of guests who may be accommodated at such hotel;
- (c) be, unless previously cancelled or suspended, valid until the 31st day of December next after the date of issue;
- (d) be non-transferable to any person or in respect of any location.

6. (1) The Medical Officer of Health shall cause to be kept a Register of all hotels in his area.

(2) In respect of each hotel the Register shall contain—

- (a) the name and address thereof;
- (b) the name and address of the owner or operator thereof;
- (c) the number of guests who may be accommodated at the hotel;
- (d) the date of issue of the licence.

7. (1) When a person to whom a licence has been issued under these regulations ceases to operate or to use as a hotel the building to which the licence relates, he shall, within seven days of so doing, give notice thereof to the Medical Officer of Health and at the same time deliver the licence to him.

(2) A person to whom a licence has been issued and whose licence has subsequently been cancelled or suspended shall immediately deliver up the licence to the Medical Officer of Health.

8. No person shall operate or cause to be operated any hotel unless—

- (a) each bedroom has direct natural light by means of a window of an area equal to not less than one-fifth of the floor area of the room;
- (b) all windows in bedrooms are equipped with blinds, curtains or any other device for ensuring privacy;

- (c) each guest is provided with an adequate number of clean towels daily;
- (d) each bed is provided with pillows in clean pillow slips, sheets, blankets and bed covers;
- (e) freshly laundered bed linen is provided for each incoming guest;
- (f) all beds, springs, mattresses, sheets, pillows, pillow slips and bedcovers are maintained in good repair and are clean and insect free;
- (g) each bedroom is designated by a legible number placed on the door and each door fitted with a lock and key so that the door may be securely fastened from the inside.

9. (1) No place shall be operated as an hotel unless there is available to the guests at all times on each floor containing bedrooms—

- (a) an adequate supply of water;
- (b) an adequate supply of potable water;
- (c) an adequate supply of toilet paper and soap;
- (d) at least one bath (or one shower) and one water-closet and one wash basin for each two rooms in which these facilities are not provided.

(2) Where there is an even number of rooms the number of such rooms shall be deemed for the purposes of this regulation to be increased by one.

10. (1) In an hotel which provides accommodation for persons of both sexes, there shall be separate toilet facilities for each sex and the facilities for each sex shall be effectively separated by a wall or partition extending from floor to ceiling, and in each case the apartment for each sex shall be clearly marked.

(2) The provisions of this regulation shall not apply to any hotel where each bedroom is provided with its own toilet facilities.

11. All plumbing fixtures shall be kept in good repair and all

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rooms and toilet facilities shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.

12. Every person who operates or causes to be operated any hotel shall, to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer of Health—

- (a) provide adequate lighting in hallways, stairways, passages and closet compartments;
- (b) maintain all floors, walls and ceiling surfaces in a clean condition and in a state of good repair;
- (c) keep cellars and basements clear of waste and combustible materials;
- (d) maintain the premises and the contents thereof free from rodents, lice, bedbugs, cockroaches, flies and other insects;
- (e) maintain an adequate number of suitable refuse bins;
- (f) keep every yard, area, forecourt, or other open space within the curtilage of the premises in good order, clean and in a sanitary condition.

13. The Medical Officer of Health may by notice in writing require the owner or operator of any hotel to carry out within such time as is stated in the notice any work which may be necessary under the provisions of these regulations.

14. The Minister may cancel or suspend a licence granted in accordance with these regulations—

- (a) for overcrowding of the hotel; or
- (b) where a notice has been served under section 11 of the Act and there has been no appeal therefrom, or the appeal has been dismissed, and the owner or occupier of the hotel has not within the time specified in the notice, or within the time specified by the Judge on the dismissal of the appeal, carried out the work required by the notice; or
- (c) for failure to comply with regulations 8 to 12; or
- (d) for failure to comply with the requirements of a notice served under regulation 13.

15. An owner, operator, or any other person who contravenes paragraph (1) of regulation 3 or any provision of regulations 7 to 13, or who fails to comply with any notice served thereunder, is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars or imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months or both and, in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine not exceeding two hundred dollars for each day or part thereof during which the offence continues after a conviction is first obtained.

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