

LICENSING CONDITIONS FOR BARS, LOUNGES AND OTHER PUBLIC HOUSES
(WITHOUT LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AND DANCING)

Law and Order

1 The licensee must take all appropriate steps to ensure that the following offences are not committed by any employee while on duty, or any patron or other person in the licensed premises:

- (a) sale, consumption or trafficking of controlled drugs;
- (b) use of criminal force;
- (c) criminal restraint and confinement;
- (d) intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of the peace;
- (e) affray;
- (f) assault;
- (g) rioting;
- (h) sexual offences (e.g. rape or outraging of modesty);
- (i) theft;
- (j) robbery;
- (k) extortion;
- (l) gambling or betting;
- (m) causing the disappearance of evidence after an offence has been committed; and
- (n) offences under the Women's Charter (Cap. 353) relating to prostitution.

1A The licensee shall ensure that the licensed premises does not promote, encourage or support, whether directly or indirectly, the offences set out in paragraph 1 above. This includes, but is not limited to, displaying or causing to be displayed, any message, picture, painting, poster, wall paper, or decoration which directly or indirectly depicts or glorifies the offences set out in paragraph 1.

1B Where any material promoting, encouraging or supporting, whether directly or indirectly, the offences set out in paragraph 1 above is found by the Licensing Officer, the licensee shall immediately take all necessary measures to remove, or cause to be removed, the material upon notification by the Licensing Officer and comply with any directions given by the Licensing Officer to this end.

2 The licensee must ensure that no immoral activity is carried out in the licensed premises at all times.

3 If any of the offences set out in paragraph 1 or immoral activity has been committed or carried out in the licensed premises, the licensee -

- (a) must report the offence to the police as soon as the offence comes to his knowledge;
- (b) must not remove, conceal or obliterate any evidence of the commission of the offence;
- (c) must not cause obstruction to the police officers investigating the offence; and
- (d) must provide reasonable assistance to police officers when requested.

4 The licensee must not employ, engage or permit any person to provide any service (with or without any consideration) by way of or in connection with surveillance, security, screening or the control of admission into or in respect of the licensed premises (with or without any consideration) if the licensee knows or ought reasonably to have known that the person is a member or a former member of an unlawful society or has previously been convicted of an offence involving criminal assault, violence, intimidation or any form of criminal trespass to persons or property.

5 The licensee must not employ any foreigner in the licensed premises unless the foreigner is the holder of valid work permit or employment pass.

6 The licensee must not sell liquor nor allow liquor to be consumed by any person below the age of 18 years.

7 The licensee must ensure that no public entertainment is provided in the licensed premises beyond the hours stipulated in the licence or, where the licensed hours have been varied, beyond such hours as may be notified to the licensee by the Licensing Officer

Public Safety

8 The licensee must ensure that there is no overcrowding in the licensed premises.

9 The licensee must notify the Licensing Officer of any change of layout and shall submit the Fire Safety and Shelter Department (FSSD) Building Plan Reference Number within 7 working days, following the approval of the change by FSSD.

Note:

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10 The licensee must ensure that lighting in the licensed premises is sufficiently bright to ensure that all persons standing or sitting anywhere in the licensed premises are clearly visible.

11 The licensee must obtain prior approval from the Centre for Radiation Protection, National Environment Agency, before operating any form of laser in the licensed premises.

Public Decency

12 (1) The licensee must not allow dancing by patrons in the licensed premises without the approval of the Licensing Officer.

(2) Subject to sub-paragraph (1), if the licensee allows dancing by patrons in the licensed premises, the licensee must ensure -

- (a) that the licensee's employees on duty at the premises do not dance with patrons;
- (b) that persons below 16 years of age are not allowed into or to remain in the licensed premises during the hours that the licensed premises are not operated as a restaurant; and
- (c) that any area used for dancing by patrons is structurally sound and safe in all aspects.

13 The licensee must ensure that -

- (a) songs which are obscene, vulgar or banned in Singapore are not played or performed in the licensed premises; and
- (b) uncensored, banned or obscene films, publications and other materials are not shown, disseminated or displayed in the licensed premises.

14 The Licensee must ensure that all employees are not indecently dressed or exposed.

15 In addition and without limiting the generality of condition (14), the Licensee must prohibit any employee from being:

- (a) Nude or partially nude;
- (b) Topless;
- (c) Dressed in attire that provides bare, transparent or translucent exposure of any part of the genitalia, nipples, breast/s or buttock/s;
- (d) Dressed in underwear, briefs, lingerie, swimwear, or bikinis; unless exception in whole or part to complying with the condition (15) has been granted by the Licensing Officer and reflected on the licence.

16 For the removal of doubt, conditions (14) and (15) above must apply to Licensees whose outlets are physically located at beaches or at swimming pools as well, save only that:

- (a) Female employees are permitted to wear bikinis; and
- (b) Male employees are permitted to be topless.

17 The licensee must ensure that bar-girls, lounge hostesses, dance hostesses and waitresses are not female impersonators.

18 (1) Unless approved by the Licensing Officer in writing, the licensee must not permit any person in the licensed premises to perform the duties of a hostess.

(2) For the purpose of this condition, 'perform the duties of a hostess' means provide companionship to one or more patrons through consumption of drinks or conversation but does not include conversation arising from taking orders, serving of food or drinks, accepting of payment, or other reasonable action undertaken in connection with the services provided as a waitress, bar tender or manager.

19 The Licensee must ensure that the public entertainment is not likely to be offensive to any race, religion, ethnicity or nationality or potentially cause disharmony amongst different groups.
Environmental Impact

20 Unless exempted by the Licensing Officer in writing, the licensee must ensure that the licensed premises are sound-proofed according to the following specifications:

- (a) the sound level emanating from the licensed premises measured at its boundary must not exceed 65dBA for Leq (1h);
- (b) amplified sounds or any form of music from the licensed premises must not exceed 55dBA for Leq (1h) measured at the nearest residential dwelling after 10.30 p.m.; and
- (c) all windows must be kept closed when the licensed premises are in operation. All doors must remain closed unless there is human traffic entering and exiting the premise.

21 When required by the Licensing Officer in writing, the Licensee shall comply with the additional licensing conditions set out in Annex C. These conditions will supersede licensing conditions 20 (a) and 20 (b).

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Administrative

22 The licensee must maintain a proper record setting out the personal particulars of all employees including part-time and freelance waitresses, bar-girls and hostesses, in the following manner:

- (a) Sr. No.
- (b) Name
- (c) NRIC No./ FIN No., or Passport No. and Country of Issue
- (d) Work Permit No. or Professional Visit Pass No., if applicable, and validity period
- (e) Job Title
- (f) Date of Employment
- (g) Cessation of Employment

23 The licensee must inform the Licensing Officer -

- (a) in the case of a company, any change in the composition of directors; or
- (b) in the case of a partnership, any change in the composition of partners, within 7 days of the change(s) being affected.

24 The licensee must obtain the prior written approval of the Licensing Officer for any change to the name of the licensed premises

Issued by Licensing Officer

Dated 1 February 2020

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