

**MESSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS RULES**

All Massage Establishments licensees will have to abide by the following provisions under the Massage Establishments Rules.

**Application for licence, etc.**

3. — (1) Every application for the issue or renewal of a licence shall be made in such form as the Licensing Officer may require.
- (2) Every applicant for the issue or renewal of a licence shall, if so required in writing by the Licensing Officer —
  - (a) attend before the Licensing Officer; or
  - (b) submit to the Licensing Officer such certificates setting out his technical qualifications or the technical qualifications of any person who may administer massage or special treatment at his establishment for massage as the Licensing Officer may require.
- (3) Every licence issued shall be —
  - (a) in such form as the Licensing Officer may determine; and
  - (b) valid for such period, not exceeding one year, as the Licensing Officer may, in his discretion, specify in the licence.

**Fee payable**

4. — (1) The fee payable for a licence shall be \$525 for a period of one year.
- (2) The fee payable for a copy or replacement of a licence shall be \$11.
- (3) There shall be no refund of any fee paid under this rule.

**Licence not transferable**

5. A licensee shall not transfer his licence to, or permit his licence to be used by, any other person.

**Display of signboard**

6. Every licensee shall keep displayed in a conspicuous place outside his establishment for massage a signboard showing plainly the name or style of the establishment.

**Employment in massage establishment**

7. — (1) No licensee shall employ in his establishment for massage any person —
  - (a) whom he knows or has reason to believe is a prostitute or a person of bad character;
  - (b) who is below the age of 18 years; or

- (c) who has not undergone and passed a medical health screening if required to do so by the Licensing Officer.
- (2) Subject to paragraph (1), a licensee may only employ in his establishment for massage a person with the prior written approval of the Licensing Officer.
- (3) Every application for the approval of the Licensing Officer referred to in paragraph (2) shall be in such form as the Licensing Officer may require.
- (3A) Every application under paragraph (3) shall be accompanied by the fee prescribed in the Interpretation (Massage Establishments Act — Fee for Application for Approval of Employee) Order 2006 (G.N. No. S 349/2006).
- (3B) Any prior written approval granted by the Licensing Officer under paragraph (2) shall be valid for such period as the Licensing Officer may specify and may be renewed upon its expiry subject to such conditions as the Licensing Officer may impose.

### **Prohibition**

8. — (1) No licensee shall permit any person whom he knows or has reason to believe is a prostitute or a person of bad character to enter his establishment for massage.
- (2) No licensee shall permit gaming, drunkenness or disorderly conduct of any kind in his establishment for massage.

### **Register of clients**

9. — (1) Before providing any massage or special treatment to a client, a licensee shall require the client to furnish the following particulars:
- (a) his full name;
  - (b) his identity card number or the particulars of his passport or other travel document;
  - (c) his nationality; and
  - (d) the hour and date of his arrival at the establishment for massage.
- (2) The licensee shall immediately enter the particulars specified in paragraph (1) in a register.
- (3) On the departure of a client, the licensee shall record against the relevant entry in the register the hour of the client's departure.
- (4) The licensee shall keep the register for a period of one year from the date of the final entry in the register.
- (5) No licensee or employee shall enter or cause to be entered in the register any particulars which he knows or could by the exercise of reasonable diligence have ascertained to be false.

### **Approval of change of name, etc.**

10. —(1) Every licensee shall obtain the prior written approval of the Licensing Officer for any change in —
- (a) the name or address of his establishment for massage;
  - (b) the treatment provided at his establishment for massage; or
  - (c) the nature of the business carried on at his establishment for massage.
- (2) A fee of \$22 shall be payable for a written approval under paragraph (1) (a).

## **Notification of change of directors, partners, etc.**

11. Every licensee shall notify the Licensing Officer of any change of the directors, partners or other officers of the company, business or organisation specified in the application for the licence within 7 days of the change.

## **Applications and notifications by electronic means**

12. —(1) Subject to paragraph (3) —

(a) every application for the issue or renewal of a licence under rule 3 (1);

(b) every application for the approval of the Licensing Officer under rule 7 (3);  
and

(c) every application for approval for any change in the name or address of an establishment for massage under rule 10 (a),

shall be made using the electronic application service provided by the Licensing Officer.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), any notification required under rule 7 (5) or 11 shall be made using the electronic application service provided by the Licensing Officer.

(3) In the event of a malfunction or failure of the electronic application service, the application under paragraph (1) or the notification under paragraph (2), as the case may be, shall be made in such written form as the Licensing Officer may require.

(4) The Licensing Officer may reject any application not made in accordance with this rule.

## **Penalties**

13. — (1) Any person who contravenes rule 5, 6, 7 (1), (2) or (5), 8, 9, 10 or 11 shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000.

(2) In addition to any other penalty imposed, the Licensing Officer may revoke any licence issued under the Act for a contravention of any provision of these Rules.