**L.N. 160 of 2009**

## CULTURAL HERITAGE ACT
## (CAP. 445)

### National Museums, Sites and Collections (Admission Fees) (Amendment) Regulations, 2009

BY VIRTUE of the powers conferred by article 55 of the Cultural Heritage Act, the Minister of Education, Culture, Youth and Sport, in concurrence with the Minister of Finance, the Economy and Investment, has made the following regulations:

Title and commencement.

**1.** (1) The title of these regulations is the National Museums, Sites and Collections (Admission Fees) (Amendment) Regulations, 2009 and they shall be read and construed as one with the National Museums, Sites and Collections (Admission Fees) Regulations, 2004, hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations".

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the 22nd May, 2009:

Provided that with relation to tour operators, these regulations shall come into force on the 22nd May, 2010.

Amends regulation 2 of the principal regulations.

**2.** In regulation 2 of the principal regulations, in the definition "museums, sites and collections", for the words "First and Second Schedules" there shall be substituted the word "Schedule I".

Substitutes regulation 3 of the principal regulations.

**3.** For regulation 3 of the principal regulations, there shall be substituted the following:

"Entrance fees due.

3. (1) There shall be a fee, as established in these regulations, for each person of eighteen years of age and over for admission on any weekday, including Saturdays and Sundays, to all museums, sites, and collections in Malta and Gozo:

Provided that:

(a) a discounted rate of the ticket price depending on the site shall be charged to persons who are aged sixty and over and to persons

between the ages of twelve and seventeen years, both ages included;

(b) a further discounted rate of the ticket price depending on the site shall be charged to persons between the ages of six and eleven years, both ages included;

(c) international student or youth card holders and students of any institution established under the Education Act may be admitted with the admission fee mentioned in paragraph (a).

(2) The fees for admission to the Domus Romana, Tarxien Temples, the Inquisitor's Palace and the National War Museum in Valletta shall be as follows:

(a) six euro (€ 6) for each person of eighteen years and over;

(b) four euro and fifty cents (€ 4.50) for each person aged sixty and over and for persons between the ages of twelve and seventeen years, both ages included;

(c) three euro (€ 3) for each person between the ages of six and eleven years, both ages included.

(3) The fees for admission to the Natural History Museum, Għar Dalam Cave and Museum, St. Paul's Catacombs, the Malta Maritime Museum, the National Museum of Fine Arts and the National Museum of Archaeology shall be as follows:

(a) five euro (€ 5) for each person of eighteen years and over;

(b) three euro and fifty cents (€ 3.50) for each person aged sixty and over and for persons between the ages of twelve and seventeen years, both ages included;

(c) two euro and fifty cents (€ 2.50) for each person between the ages of six and eleven years, both ages included.

(4) The fees for joint admission to the Palace Armoury and Palace State Rooms shall be as follows:

(a) ten euro (€ 10) for each person of eighteen years and over;

(b) seven euro (€ 7) for each person aged sixty and over and for persons between the ages of twelve and seventeen years, both ages included;

(c) five euro (€ 5) for each person between the ages of six and eleven years, both ages included:

Provided that if admission to the Palace State Rooms is not possible, single admission to the Palace Armoury shall be charged as follows:

(i) six euro (€ 6) for each person of eighteen years and over;

(ii) four euro and fifty cents (€ 4.50) for each person aged sixty and over and for persons between the ages of twelve and seventeen years, both ages included;

(iii) three euro (€ 3) for each person between the ages of six and eleven years, both ages included.

(5) The fees for joint admission to all the Cittadella Museums (Old Prison, Natural Science, Archaeology and Folklore), Gozo shall be as follows:

(a) eight euro (€ 8) for each person of eighteen years and over;

(b) five euro (€ 5) for each person aged sixty and over and for persons between the ages of twelve and seventeen years, both ages included;

(c) four euro (€ 4) for each person between the ages of six and eleven years, both ages included.

(6) The fees for joint admission to the Ħaġar Qim and Mnajdra Temples, shall be as follows:

(a) nine euro (€ 9) for each person of eighteen years and over;

(b) six euro and fifty cents (€ 6.50) for each person aged sixty and over and for persons between the ages of twelve and seventeen years, both ages included;

(c) four euro and fifty cents (€ 4.50) for each person between the ages of six and eleven years, both ages included.

(7) The fees for joint admission to the Ġgantija Temples and Ta' Kola Windmill, Gozo, shall be as follows:

(a) eight euro (€ 8) for each person of eighteen years and over;

(b) six euro (€ 6) for each person aged sixty and over and for persons between the ages of twelve and seventeen years, both ages included;

(c) four euro (€ 4) for each person between the ages of six and eleven years, both ages included.

(8) The fees for admission to the Ħal Saflieni Hypogeum shall be as follows:

(a) twenty euro (€ 20) for each person of eighteen years and over;

(b) fifteen euro (€ 15) for each person aged sixty and over and for persons between the ages of twelve and seventeen years, both ages included;

(c) twelve euro (€ 12) for each person between the ages of six and eleven years, both ages included.

(9) The fees for admission to the Ta' Ħaġrat Temples, Skorba Temples, San Pawl Milqi, Borġ in-Nadur and Ta' Mintna Catacombs, Tas-Silġ Archaeological Site, Salina Catacombs, the Għajn Tuffieħa Roman Baths, the Tad-Dejr Catacombs and the Xagħra Stone Circle in Gozo shall be as follows:

(a) five euro (€ 5) for each person of eighteen years and over;

(b) three euro and fifty cents (€3.50) for each person aged sixty and over and for persons between the ages of twelve and seventeen years, both ages included;

(c) two euro and fifty cents (€2.50) for each person between the ages of six and eleven years, both ages included:

Provided that due to the variance in demand for visits to the sites mentioned in this sub-regulation, the entrance fee to such sites may be increased by an administrative fee as may be established by Heritage Malta and which may vary according to the number of visitors visiting the site together.".

Substitutes regulation 4 of the principal regulations.

**4.** For regulation 4 of the principal regulations, there shall be substituted the following:

"Fees for single-site entrance.

4. The following admission fees shall be charged to tour operators only for single-site entrance to museums, sites and collections in Malta and Gozo:

(a) a single-site ticket for the Ggantija Temples, shall be charged at a fee of six euro (€6) for each person of any age group discounted at 30%;

(b) a single-site ticket for the Palace Armoury or Palace State Rooms or Ħaġar Qim or Mnajdra Temples, shall be charged at a fee of six (€ 6) for each person, of any age group, discounted at 30%.".

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Amends regulation 5 of the principal regulations.

**5.** In regulation 5 of the principal regulations, for the words "Second Schedule" there shall be substituted the word "Schedule I".

Amends regulation 7 of the principal regulations.

**6.** For sub-regulation (3) of regulation 7 of the principal regulations, there shall be substituted the following:

"(3) (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of these regulations, Heritage Malta may issue group admission tickets to any licensed tour operator, organising a group of five persons or over and led by a licensed guide, for admission at a discounted rate to all museums, sites and collections in Malta and Gozo except the Ħal Saflieni Hypogeum.

(b) Such group discounted admission tickets as mentioned in paragraph (a) shall:

(i) be purchased prior to the visit as instructed from time to time by Heritage Malta;

(ii) entitle the licensed tour operator for a rate discounted by 30% of the adult ticket price relative to single site tickets only;

(iii) be made available to the tourist guide who will be required to hand over the necessary electronic ticket to the officer in charge at the museum, site or collection while retaining the electronic ticket on site as provided in regulation 12.".

Amends regulation 10 of the principal regulations.

**7.** In regulation 10 of the principal regulations, immediately after the words "age and under.", there shall be added the words "For health and safety reasons, no person who is five years of age and under shall be admitted to the Ħal Saflieni Hypogeum.".

Deletes the First and Third Schedules to the principal regulations.

**8.** The First Schedule and the Third Schedule to the principal regulations shall be deleted.

Renumbers the Second Schedule to the principal regulations.

**9.** The Second Schedule to the principal regulations shall be renumbered as Schedule I thereof.