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CODE OF POLICE LAWS
(CAP. 10)

Cinema Projectionists (Licence) Regulations, 1996

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 203 of the Code of Police Laws, the Minister for Home Affairs has made the following regulations:

Citation and commencement.

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Cinema Projectionists (Licence) Regulations, 1996.

(2) These regulations shall come into effect on the 1st March, 1997.

Interpretation.

2. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

"cinema projectionist" is a person who operates cinema projection equipment for the running of shows at which members of the public may attend against payment of an admission fee;

"Director" means the Director responsible for the Department of Labour;

"Minister" means the Minister responsible for the Police.

Licence to operate cinema projection equipment.

3. (1) No person shall act as a cinema projectionist unless he is in possession of a valid licence to operate cinema projection equipment issued by the Director in terms of these regulations.

(2) A person applying for a license to operate cinema projection equipment shall be not less than eighteen years of age and shall be in possession of a certificate of competency issued by the Employment and Training Corporation in the calling of cinema projectionist:

Provided that a person who is already in possession of a valid licence of cinema projectionist issued by the Director in terms of the Cinematographs (Licensing of Projectionists) Regulations, 1954, shall also be eligible for a licence under these regulations.

G.N. 552 of 1954.

Conditions of licence.

4. (1) A licence shall be issued by the Director for a period of one year, but the licence may be renewed on application to the Director for further periods of one year at a time:

Provided that the application for renewal shall be submitted not later than the date on which the licence expires;

Provided further that when an application for renewal has been received by the Director, any licence in effect on the date on which the application for renewal is received shall be deemed to remain effective until such time as a decision is taken by the Director to renew the licence or to refuse the application for renewal.

(2) The Director may include in the licence any relevant conditions as he may deem fit for the purpose of ensuring the safe use of the equipment and the elimination of any risk for the safety of the employees at the cinema and of any members of the public who may attend the shows, and the licensee shall comply with such conditions.

Licence fee.

5. A fee of Lm10 shall be paid to the Director together with an application for a licence or with an application for renewal of licence. The fee is not refundable if the application for the licence or for the renewal of the licence is refused.

Refusal of licence.

6. The Director may refuse a request for a licence, or, if a licence has been issued, a request for the renewal of a licence, on the grounds that such person —

(a) has failed to submit to any trade test in the calling of cinema projectionist at the Employment and Training Corporation, if such person is required to submit to such test by the Director; or

(b) has failed to pass such trade test; or

(c) has failed to comply with any provisions of these regulations; or

(d) has been convicted of an offence under the Occupational Health and Safety (Promotion) Act, 1994, or any regulations issued thereunder, including any regulations issued under the Factories Ordinance in relation to any place of work where shows are run for the public; or

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(e) has been issued with an order by an inspector under the Occupational Health and Safety (Promotion) Act, 1994 to refrain from operating any cinema projection equipment until such time as such order is revoked.

Cancellation of licence.

7. The Director may cancel a licence for any of the reasons listed under paragraphs (c), (d) and (e) of regulation 6 of these regulations.

Communication of decision.

8. The Director shall communicate in writing any decision taken by him under regulations 6 and 7 of these regulations, giving reasons for his decision.

Offences.

9. Any person who contravenes the provisions of regulations 3 and 4 of these regulations shall be guilty of an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine *(multa)* of not less than Lm50 and not more than Lm100.

Revokes G.N. 552 of 1954.

10. The Cinematographs (Licensing of Projectionists) Regulations, 1954, are hereby revoked.

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