

PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENTS AND MEETINGS ACT  
(CHAPTER 257, SECTION 23(1))

PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENTS RULES

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[1st March 2001]

**Citation**

1. These Rules may be cited as the Public Entertainments Rules.

*[S 571/2023 wef 21/08/2023]*

**Definitions**

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

“licence” means a licence issued or renewed, or to be issued or renewed, under the Act by the Public Entertainment Licensing Officer;

*[S 885/2014 wef 01/01/2015]*

“Licensing Officer” means the Public Entertainment Licensing Officer.

*[S 885/2014 wef 01/01/2015]*

**Application for licence, etc.**

- 3.—(1) The website <https://www.police.gov.sg/Business-E-Services/Apply-for-Public-Entertainment-Licence> is prescribed for

the purpose of section 5(3) of the Act (relating to criteria and requirements to be satisfied by an applicant for a licence).

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*[S 571/2023 wef 21/08/2023]*

*[S 99/2026 wef 09/03/2026]*

(1A) *[Deleted by S 885/2014 wef 01/01/2015]*

(2) Where an application for a licence is made by a company or firm, the application shall be made jointly with the person to whom the company or firm desires the licence to be issued.

(3) *[Deleted by S 885/2014 wef 01/01/2015]*

(4) A licensee may, at any time, apply to the Licensing Officer to amend the name or address of the specified establishment stated in the licence.

*[S 327/2005 wef 27/06/2005]*

*[S 885/2014 wef 01/01/2015]*

### **Transfer of licence**

4.—(1) A licensee shall not permit his licence to be used by any other person.

*[S 327/2005 wef 27/06/2005]*

(2) A licensee shall not transfer his licence to any other person without the approval of the Licensing Officer.

*[S 327/2005 wef 27/06/2005]*

(3) An application for the transfer of a licence shall be made in such form as the Licensing Officer may determine.

*[S 327/2005 wef 27/06/2005]*

### **Extension of hours of operation and upgrading of licence**

5.—(1) A licensee may not extend the hours of operation of a specified establishment beyond the hours provided for in the licence unless he has —

(a) obtained the approval of the Licensing Officer; and

- (b) paid the appropriate fee as determined in accordance with the formula in rule 6(2).

*[S 327/2005 wef 27/06/2005]*

*[S 885/2014 wef 01/01/2015]*

(2) A licensee may upgrade a licence from category 2 to category 1 provided that he has —

- (a) obtained the approval of the Licensing Officer; and  
 (b) paid the appropriate fee as determined in accordance with the formula in rule 6(2).

*[S 327/2005 wef 27/06/2005]*

(3) Any approval granted to a licensee by the Licensing Officer under paragraph (1) or (2) shall take effect from such date as may be specified by the Licensing Officer and be valid for the remaining period of the licence being held by the licensee.

*[S 327/2005 wef 27/06/2005]*

## **Fees**

**6.—**(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the fees payable for the purposes of these Rules shall be as specified in the Second Schedule.

*[S 327/2005 wef 27/06/2005]*

(2) Where a licensee applies to the Licensing Officer —

- (a) under rule 5(1)(a) for an approval for the extension of the hours of operation of a specified establishment; or

*[S 885/2014 wef 01/01/2015]*

- (b) under rule 5(2)(a) for an approval for the upgrading of his licence,

the fee payable by him for such extension or upgrading shall be determined in accordance with the formula

$$\frac{(X - Y)}{12} \times Z,$$

where X is the fee as specified in the Second Schedule, for —

(a) the type of licence that allows for the hours of operation desired by the licensee; or

(b) a category 1 licence;

Y is the fee that has already been paid for the licence currently being held by the licensee; and

Z is the remaining validity period (rounded to the nearest month) that the licence currently being held by the licensee bears to the total validity period of that licence.

*[S 327/2005 wef 27/06/2005]*

(3) The fee payable under paragraph (2) shall be rounded off to the nearest dollar, except that where the fraction of a dollar is 50 cents, it shall be regarded as a dollar.

*[S 327/2005 wef 27/06/2005]*

(4) Where applicable, the fee payable for a category 4 licence shall be pro-rated according to the proportion which the remaining validity period (rounded to the nearest month) that the licence currently being held by the licensee bears to the total validity period of that licence.

*[S 327/2005 wef 27/06/2005]*

(5) Except where the Licensing Officer considers appropriate, no refund shall be made in respect of any fee paid under these Rules.

*[S 327/2005 wef 27/06/2005]*

## **Savings**

7. Any licence, application or other document issued, made or given under the revoked Public Entertainments Rules (R 1, 1990 Ed.) shall have the same force and effect as if it had been issued, made or given under these Rules.

## **FIRST SCHEDULE**

*[Deleted by S 885/2014 wef 01/01/2015]*

## SECOND SCHEDULE

Rule 6

## FEES

## PART I

Category	Type of public entertainment	Grant or renewal of licence				
		Establishment licence (per annum)			Ad-hoc licence	
		Type A*	Type B <sup>#</sup>	Type C <sup>\$</sup>	1 day	7 days <sup>†</sup>
1	Any reproduction or transmission of recorded music or song by any means other than telephony or radio telephony. Any variety act, performance of music, singing or dancing (including dancing by customers), gymnastics or acrobatics in a specified establishment	\$720	\$960	\$1,200	\$22	\$44
2	Any reproduction or transmission of recorded music or song by any means other than telephony or radio telephony in any place where dancing by customers is not allowed and to which the public or any class of the public has access, whether gratuitously or otherwise	\$260	\$350	\$440	\$22	\$44
3	Any amusement centre, billiard saloon or computer games centre	\$360	\$480	\$600	\$22	\$44
4	Two game machines or devices where by the					

SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

Category	Type of public entertainment	Grant or renewal of licence				
		Establishment licence (per annum)			Ad-hoc licence	
		Type A*	Type B <sup>#</sup>	Type C <sup>s</sup>	1 day	7 days <sup>†</sup>
	manipulation of which chances are given in obtaining prizes in money or kind in any place to which the public or any class of the public has access, whether gratuitously or otherwise —  (a) for the first 2 game machines or devices; and  (b) for every additional 2 or fewer game machines	\$360	\$480	\$600	\$22	\$44
5	[Deleted by S 571/2023 wef 21/08/2023]					
6	Any variety act, performance of music, singing or dancing, gymnastics, acrobatics, demonstration or parade regulated by the Public Entertainment Licensing Officer under the Act	—	—	—	\$22	\$44
7	Circus or exhibition of animals	—	—	—	\$22	\$44

SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

Category	Type of public entertainment	Grant or renewal of licence				
		Establishment licence (per annum)			Ad-hoc licence	
		Type A*	Type B <sup>#</sup>	Type C <sup>§</sup>	1 day	7 days <sup>†</sup>
8	Any other entertainment (other than an arts entertainment regulated by the Arts Entertainment Licensing Officer under the Act)	—	—	—	\$22	\$44.

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\* A type A licence allows a licensee to operate the specified establishment up to 1 a.m. every Monday to Saturday and 2 a.m. every Sunday and public holiday, subject to the conditions set out by the Licensing Officer in the licence.

# A type B licence allows a licensee to operate the specified establishment up to 3 a.m. every Monday to Saturday and 4 a.m. every Sunday and public holiday, subject to the conditions set out by the Licensing Officer in the licence.

§ A type C licence allows a licensee to operate the specified establishment up to 6 a.m. daily, subject to the conditions set out by the Licensing Officer in the licence.

† The licence is valid for any 7 days, consecutively or otherwise, within a period of 3 months.

[S 885/2014 wef 01/01/2015]

## PART II

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| 1. For the transfer of a licence   | \$44  |
| 2. For an amendment to the name or address of a specified establishment in a licence | \$22  |
| 3. For a replacement licence or a copy thereof                                       | \$11. |

[S 456/2010 wef 01/09/2010]

[S 885/2014 wef 01/01/2015]

[G.N. Nos. S 100/2001; S 501/2001]

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY  
PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENTS RULES  
(CHAPTER 257, R 1)

*formerly known as the Public Entertainments and Meetings Rules*

This Legislative History is provided for the convenience of users of the Public Entertainments and Meetings Rules. It is not part of these Rules.

**1. G. N. No. S 100/2001 — Public Entertainments and Meetings Rules 2001**

Date of commencement : 1 March 2001

**2. G. N. No. S 501/2001 — Public Entertainments and Meetings (Amendment) Rules 2001**

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**3. 2002 Revised Edition — Public Entertainments and Meetings Rules**

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**4. G. N. No. S 294/2002 — Public Entertainments and Meetings (Amendment) Rules 2002**

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**5. G. N. No. S 469/2003 — Public Entertainments and Meetings (Amendment) Rules 2003**

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**6. G. N. No. S 327/2005 — Public Entertainments and Meetings (Amendment) Rules 2005**

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**7. G. N. No. S 353/2006 — Public Entertainments and Meetings (Amendment) Rules 2006**

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**8. G. N. No. S 492/2009 — Public Entertainments and Meetings (Amendment) Rules 2009**

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**9. G. N. No. S 456/2010 — Public Entertainments and Meetings (Amendment) Rules 2010**

Date of commencement : 1 September 2010

**10. G. N. No. S 885/2014 — Public Entertainments and Meetings  
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**11. G.N. No. S 571/2023 — Public Entertainments and Meetings  
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**12. G.N. No. S 99/2026 — Public Entertainments (Amendment) Rules 2026**

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