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PART 1
PRELIMINARY

Citation

1. These Regulations are the Work Injury Compensation Regulations 2020.

Approved medical institution

2.—(1) For the purposes of the Act, “approved medical institution” is any hospital, clinic, healthcare establishment or other medical institution prescribed in the First Schedule.

(2) To avoid doubt, the reference to any hospital, clinic, healthcare establishment or other medical institution in paragraph (1) includes a reference to a person who holds a licence under the Healthcare Services Act 2020 to provide a licensable healthcare service.

(3) In paragraph (2) and the First Schedule, “licensable healthcare service” has the meaning given by section 3(1) of the Healthcare Services Act 2020.

Apportionment of liability for compensation for disease

2A.—(1) This regulation applies where —

- (a) an individual contracts a disease mentioned in section 10(1) or 34G(1) of the Act by a gradual process;

- (b) 2 or more employers, 2 or more platform operators or a combination of one or more employers and one or more platform operators are severally liable to pay compensation under the Act in respect of the individual's incapacity or death that results from that disease; and
 - (c) all of those employers or platform operators or the combination of employers and platform operators (as the case may be) do not come to an agreement on the apportionment of liability in respect of that compensation.
- (2) For the purposes of section 11A(b) of the Act, an employer or a platform operator mentioned in paragraph (1)(b) is liable for the proportion of the compensation payable under the Act in respect of the individual's incapacity or death that is computed according to the formula $\frac{E}{A}$, where —
 - (a) E —
 - (i) in the case of an employer — is the individual's earnings as an employee of the employer during the apportionment period; or
 - (ii) in the case of a platform operator — is the individual's earnings as a platform worker of the platform operator during the apportionment period; and
 - (b) A is the individual's aggregate earnings during the apportionment period.
- (3) For the purposes of paragraph (2), the apportionment period applicable in respect of an individual —
 - (a) starts on the date that precedes the date the individual's incapacity commences or death happens (as the case may be) by the specified duration; and
 - (b) ends on the date the individual's incapacity commences or death happens, as the case may be.

(4) In paragraph (3)(a), the specified duration is either of the following:

- (a) in a case where the individual contracts a disease specified in the first column of the Fifth Schedule — the duration specified in the second column of the Fifth Schedule opposite that disease;
- (b) in a case where the individual contracts a disease mentioned in section 10(1)(c) or 34G(1)(c) of the Act — subject to paragraph (5), 12 months.

(5) The Commissioner may reduce the specified duration mentioned in paragraph (4)(b) by any period if the Commissioner is satisfied that the individual was not exposed to the chemical or biological agent to which the disease that the individual contracted is attributable during that period.

(6) In paragraph (2)(b), “aggregate earnings” means —

- (a) in a case where only 2 or more employers are liable — the aggregate of the individual’s earnings as an employee of each of those employers;
- (b) in a case where only 2 or more platform operators are liable — the aggregate of the individual’s earnings as a platform worker of each of those platform operators; or
- (c) in a case where a combination of one or more employers and one or more platform operators are liable — the aggregate of —
 - (i) the individual’s earnings as an employee of each of those employers; and
 - (ii) the individual’s earnings as a platform worker of each of those platform operators.

PART 2

GIVING OF NOTICES FOR CLAIMS PROCESSING

Division 1 — Claims in respect of employee's injury

Giving of notice of accident by employer

3.—(1) The prescribed time for an employer to give notice of an accident to the Commissioner and the employer's insurer under section 35(3) of the Act is 10 days after the date the employer first has notice of the accident in accordance with section 35(2) of the Act.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1), where the employer's employee contracts an occupational disease mentioned in section 10(1)(a), (b) or (c) of the Act, the employer first has notice of the accident when the employer has knowledge that a health professional has certified that, in the health professional's opinion, the employee is suffering from such a disease.

(3) Notice of an accident —

(a) to the Commissioner under section 35(3)(a) of the Act must be given in the form and manner specified by the Commissioner at the website <https://www.mom.gov.sg/iReport>; and

(b) to the employer's insurer under section 35(3)(b) of the Act must be given in writing.

(4) The notice of an accident under paragraph (3)(a) is deemed to be given when the employer makes a report in respect of the same accident in accordance with regulation 4, 6 or 7 of the Workplace Safety and Health (Incident Reporting) Regulations (Rg 3).

Notice under section 44(2) of Act

4. Within 7 days after the receipt of a notice or direction under section 44(1)(a), (b) or (c) of the Act (as the case may be), the employer's insurer (if of the view that the employer's insurance policy does not insure the employer's liability) must notify the Commissioner and the employer in accordance with section 44(2) of the Act.

Circumstances where notice of computation need not be served

5.—(1) A notice of computation in respect of a claim need not be served by an employer's insurer under section 44(3) of the Act in any of the following circumstances:

- (a) the Commissioner does anything under section 45(a) or (b) or 50(2)(a), (b) or (c) of the Act in respect of the claim;
- (b) while the claim is suspended under section 37(4)(a) or (b) of the Act;
- (c) the claim is disallowed under section 37(7) of the Act;
- (d) the claim is withdrawn under section 41(1) of the Act.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), a notice of computation in respect of the claim need not be served under section 44(3) of the Act if, before any notice of computation in respect of a claim is issued, the employee notifies the employer's insurer (in the form and manner required by the Commissioner) that the employee has commenced or intends to commence proceedings to recover damages from a third party in respect of the injury to which the claim relates.

(3) Paragraph (2) ceases to apply to the claim if, within the period of one year after the date of accident relating to the claim, the employee then applies to the employer's insurer (in the form and manner required by the Commissioner) to resume the claim proceedings under section 41(2)(a) of the Act.

(4) A notice of computation in respect of compensation for an employee's permanent incapacity or current incapacity need not be served under section 44(3) of the Act if the employee —

- (a) has not been notified under section 39(2)(a) of the Act that the employee is being assessed for permanent incapacity or current incapacity because neither the employer nor the employer's insurer knows that there is permanent incapacity or current incapacity arising from the work injury; and
- (b) has not made the claim for such compensation as required by section 39(1) of the Act.

Circumstances where notice of assessment need not be served

6.—(1) A notice of assessment in respect of a claim need not be served under section 48(1) of the Act in any of the following circumstances:

- (a) the Commissioner does anything under section 45(a) or (c) or 50(2)(a) of the Act in respect of the claim;
- (b) while the claim is suspended under section 37(4)(a) or (b) of the Act;
- (c) the claim is disallowed under section 37(7) of the Act;
- (d) the claim is withdrawn under section 41(1) of the Act.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), a notice of assessment in respect of the claim need not be served under section 48(1) of the Act if, before any notice of assessment in respect of a claim is issued, the employee notifies the Commissioner (in the form and manner required by the Commissioner) that the employee has commenced or intends to commence proceedings to recover damages from a third party in respect of the injury to which the claim relates.

(3) Paragraph (2) ceases to apply to the claim if, within one year after the date of accident relating to the claim, the employee then applies to the Commissioner (in the form and manner required by the Commissioner) to resume the claim proceedings.

(4) A notice of assessment in respect of compensation for an employee's permanent incapacity or current incapacity need not be served under section 48(1) of the Act if the employee —

- (a) has not been notified under section 39(2)(a) of the Act that the employee is being assessed for permanent incapacity or current incapacity because neither the employer nor the employer's insurer knows that there is permanent incapacity or current incapacity arising from the work injury; and
- (b) has not made the claim for such compensation as required by section 39(1) of the Act.

Division 2 — Claims in respect of platform worker's injury

Giving of notice of accident by platform operator

6A.—(1) The prescribed time for a platform operator to give notice of an accident to the Commissioner and the platform operator's insurer under section 35(3) of the Act is 10 days after the date the platform operator first has notice of the accident in accordance with section 35(2A) of the Act.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1), where the platform worker of the platform operator contracts an occupational disease mentioned in section 34G(1)(a), (b) or (c) of the Act, the platform operator first has notice of the accident when the platform operator has knowledge that a health professional has certified that, in the health professional's opinion, the platform worker is suffering from such a disease.

(3) Notice of an accident —

(a) to the Commissioner under section 35(3)(a) of the Act must be given in the form and manner specified by the Commissioner at the website <https://www.mom.gov.sg/iReport>; and

(b) to the platform operator's insurer under section 35(3)(b) of the Act must be given in writing.

(4) The notice of an accident under paragraph (3)(a) is deemed to be given when the platform operator makes a report in respect of the same accident in accordance with regulation 4, 6 or 7 of the Workplace Safety and Health (Incident Reporting) Regulations.

Notice under section 47B(2) of Act

6B. Within 7 days after the receipt of a notice or direction under section 47B(1)(a), (b) or (c) of the Act (as the case may be), the platform operator's insurer (if of the view that the platform operator's insurance policy does not insure the platform operator's liability) must notify the Commissioner and the platform operator in accordance with section 47B(2) of the Act.

Circumstances where notice of computation need not be served

6C.—(1) A notice of computation in respect of a claim need not be served by a platform operator’s insurer under section 47B(3) or 47C(3)(a) of the Act in any of the following circumstances:

- (a) the Commissioner does anything under section 47H(a) or (b) or 50(2)(a), (ba) or (c) of the Act in respect of the claim;
- (b) while the claim is suspended under section 37(4)(a) or (b) (read with section 35B) of the Act;
- (c) the claim is disallowed under section 37(7) (read with section 35B) of the Act;
- (d) the claim is withdrawn under section 41(1) (read with section 35B) of the Act.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), a notice of computation in respect of the claim need not be served under section 47B(3) or 47C(3)(a) of the Act if, before any notice of computation in respect of a claim is issued, the platform worker notifies the platform operator’s insurer (in the form and manner required by the Commissioner) that the platform worker has commenced or intends to commence proceedings to recover damages from a third party in respect of the injury to which the claim relates.

(3) Paragraph (2) ceases to apply to the claim if, within the period of one year after the date of the accident relating to the claim, the platform worker then applies to the platform operator’s insurer (in the form and manner required by the Commissioner) to resume the claim proceedings under section 41(2)(a) (read with section 35B) of the Act.

(4) A notice of computation in respect of compensation for a platform worker’s permanent incapacity or current incapacity need not be served under section 47B(3) or 47C(3)(a) of the Act if the platform worker —

- (a) has not been notified under section 39(2)(b) of the Act that the platform worker is being assessed for permanent incapacity or current incapacity because neither the platform operator nor the platform operator’s insurer

knows that there is permanent incapacity or current incapacity arising from the work injury; and

- (b) has not made the claim for such compensation as required by section 39(1) of the Act.

Circumstances where notice of assessment need not be served

6D.—(1) A notice of assessment in respect of a claim need not be served under section 48(1) (read with section 35B) of the Act in any of the following circumstances:

- (a) the Commissioner does anything under section 47H(a) or (c) or 50(2)(a) of the Act in respect of the claim;
- (b) while the claim is suspended under section 37(4)(a) or (b) (read with section 35B) of the Act;
- (c) the claim is disallowed under section 37(7) (read with section 35B) of the Act;
- (d) the claim is withdrawn under section 41(1) (read with section 35B) of the Act.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), a notice of assessment in respect of the claim need not be served under section 48(1) (read with section 35B) of the Act if, before any notice of assessment in respect of a claim is issued, the platform worker notifies the Commissioner (in the form and manner required by the Commissioner) that the platform worker has commenced or intends to commence proceedings to recover damages from a third party in respect of the injury to which the claim relates.

(3) Paragraph (2) ceases to apply to the claim if, within one year after the date of the accident relating to the claim, the platform worker then applies to the Commissioner (in the form and manner required by the Commissioner) to resume the claim proceedings.

(4) A notice of assessment in respect of compensation for a platform worker's permanent incapacity or current incapacity need not be served under section 48(1) (read with section 35B) of the Act if the platform worker —

- (a) has not been notified under section 39(2)(b) of the Act that the platform worker is being assessed for permanent incapacity or current incapacity because neither the platform operator nor the platform operator's insurer knows that there is permanent incapacity or current incapacity arising from the work injury; and
- (b) has not made the claim for such compensation as required by section 39(1) of the Act.

PART 3

MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Examination after suspension of right to compensation

7.—(1) If an employee whose right to compensation has been suspended under section 37(4)(a) or (b) of the Act subsequently offers himself or herself for a medical examination, the employer must offer the employee a medical examination which is fixed to take place —

- (a) within 72 hours after the employee's offer for a medical examination; or
- (b) later, with the employee's consent.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply if, for the purposes of section 37(6)(a) of the Act, the Commissioner has approved any other medical examination for the employee.

(3) If a platform worker whose right to compensation has been suspended under section 37(4)(a) or (b) (read with section 35B) of the Act subsequently offers himself or herself for a medical examination, the platform operator must offer the platform worker a medical examination which is fixed to take place —

- (a) within 72 hours after the platform worker's offer for a medical examination; or
- (b) later, with the platform worker's consent.

(4) Paragraph (3) does not apply if, for the purposes of section 37(6)(a) (read with section 35B) of the Act, the

Commissioner has approved any other medical examination for the platform worker.

PART 3A

PROVISION OF INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS TO PLATFORM OPERATOR'S INSURER

Time for provision of information or document to platform operator's insurer

7A. For the purposes of section 47I(3) of the Act —

- (a) a platform operator who receives a request from a platform operator's insurer to provide any information or document mentioned in section 47I(2)(a)(i) and (ii) of the Act must provide the information or document within 10 days after receiving the request; and
- (b) a platform worker who receives a request from a platform operator's insurer to provide any information or document mentioned in section 47I(2)(b)(i) and (ii) of the Act must provide the information or document within 10 days after receiving the request.

PART 4

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE COMMISSIONER

Notice of pre-hearing conference or hearing

8. The Commissioner may give notice of a pre-hearing conference or hearing under the Act in the form and manner determined by the Commissioner.

Procedure in connected cases

9. Where 2 or more cases pending before the Commissioner arise out of the same accident and any issue involved is common to those cases, the cases may, if the parties agree, so far as the evidence bearing on the issue is concerned, be heard together.

Order of compensation

10.—(1) The Commissioner, in making any order of compensation under the Act, must record concisely his or her finding and his or her reasons for the finding.

(2) The Commissioner may correct any of the following mistakes or errors in an order of compensation:

- (a) any clerical or arithmetical mistake;
- (b) any error arising from any accidental slip or omission;
- (c) any error or omission arising from the malfunction of any electronic system for the purposes of the Act.

Record

11. The Commissioner must record —

- (a) all decisions or orders made, and all directions given, by the Commissioner under the Act;
- (b) his or her consent to any agreement under section 17(4)(b) or 34N(5)(b) of the Act and the particulars of the agreement; and
- (c) a concise account of any proceedings (including any pre-hearing conference) conducted by him or her under the Act.

Form of summons

12. A summons issued by the Commissioner under section 55(1) of the Act may be made in the form and manner determined by the Commissioner.

Procedure during proceedings

13. The Evidence Act 1893 and any other law relating to evidence need not be followed strictly in all proceedings before the Commissioner.

PART 5

COMPENSATION, COSTS AND FEES

Reimbursement or refund of compensation or payment under section 16(5), 17(5), 34M(5) or 34N(6) of Act

14. An application mentioned in section 16(6)(a), 17(6)(a), 34M(6)(a) or 34N(7)(a) of the Act for the reimbursement or refund of any compensation or payment must be made within 28 days after the date of whichever of the following events has given rise to the application:

- (a) the withdrawal of the claim for the compensation;
- (b) an order of refusal of the compensation has been made or taken effect;
- (c) the payment is made on the basis of an error or false or misleading information.

Order for withholding of periodical payments pending decision

15.—(1) Where —

- (a) an employer or employer's insurer applies for a review under section 17(2) of the Act seeking the reduction or discontinuance of periodical payments for temporary incapacity; and
- (b) it appears to the Commissioner that there is reasonable ground for believing that the employer or employer's insurer has a right to the reduction or discontinuance,

the Commissioner may issue an order withholding the periodical payments for temporary incapacity in whole or in part pending his or her decision on the application for review.

(2) Where —

- (a) a platform operator or platform operator's insurer applies for a review under section 34N(3) of the Act seeking the reduction or discontinuance of periodical payments for temporary incapacity; and

- (b) it appears to the Commissioner that there is reasonable ground for believing that the platform operator or platform operator's insurer has a right to the reduction or discontinuance,

the Commissioner may issue an order withholding the periodical payments for temporary incapacity in whole or in part pending his or her decision on the application for review.

Commissioner's consent to commutation

16. The Commissioner may consent to a lump sum agreed under section 17(4)(a) or 34N(5)(a) of the Act only if the Commissioner considers the amount to be a reasonable estimate of the periodical payments for temporary incapacity which would otherwise have been payable to the employee during the probable duration of the employee's incapacity.

Time for payment by employer under section 19(1) of Act

17.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), the employer must pay the compensation to the employee under section 19(1)(a) of the Act within 21 days after the following dates, as the case may be:

- (a) where a notice of computation in respect of the compensation is issued and has the effect of an order of compensation under section 44(5)(a) of the Act — the date of service of the notice of computation;
- (b) where a notice of assessment in respect of the compensation is issued and has the effect of an order of compensation under section 48(3)(a) of the Act — the date of service of the notice of assessment;
- (c) where an order in respect of the compensation is made under section 51(2)(a) of the Act before any notice of computation or notice of assessment mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) or (b) is issued and no application to set aside the order is made within 21 days after the date on which that order is made — the date on which that order is made;

- (d) where all notices of objection to a notice of computation or a notice of assessment in respect of the compensation are withdrawn within 28 days after the service of that notice of computation or notice of assessment (as the case may be) — the earlier of the following dates:
 - (i) the date on which the notice of computation or notice of assessment has the effect of an order of compensation under section 44(5)(b) or 48(3)(b) of the Act, as the case may be;
 - (ii) if, upon the withdrawal of all those notices of objection, the Commissioner makes an order under section 54(1)(c) of the Act in respect of that compensation — the date on which that order is made;
- (e) where sub-paragraph (d) does not apply and the Commissioner makes an order under section 54(1)(c) of the Act in respect of the compensation — the date on which that order is made.

(2) An employer must pay the amount of compensation payable by the employer under section 16 of the Act, in respect of any medical treatment received by the employer's employee for a work injury, within 14 days after the employer receives the following documents issued by the health professional or approved medical institution that provided the medical treatment:

- (a) an invoice for that medical treatment;
- (b) where necessary, certification that the medical treatment was provided in relation to the work injury.

(3) Compensation payable by an employer to the employee in respect of the employer's liability under section 17 of the Act must be paid within the time required under section 17(1)(b) of the Act, whether or not the claim for the compensation has been processed by the Commissioner or the employer's insurer under the Act.

(4) Where the Commissioner directs an employer to pay any compensation to a relative of an employee under section 20 of the Act, the amount payable by the employer under section 19(1)(b) of

the Act in respect of that direction must be paid within 21 days after that direction is made.

Time for payment by employer's insurer under section 18(2) of Act

18.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), where the Commissioner directs an employer's insurer under section 18(1) of the Act to pay an amount in respect of compensation, that amount must be paid under section 18(2) of the Act within whichever of the following times ends later:

- (a) 7 days after the date on which that direction is made;
- (b) the time for payment of that compensation under regulation 17(1).

(2) Where the Commissioner directs an employer's insurer under section 18(1) of the Act to pay any amount in respect of an employer's liability for compensation under section 16 of the Act, the amount must be paid within whichever of the following times ends later:

- (a) 14 days after the direction is made;
- (b) the time for payment of that compensation under regulation 17(2).

(3) Where the Commissioner directs an employer's insurer under section 18(1) of the Act to pay any amount in respect of an employer's liability for compensation under section 17 of the Act, the amount must be paid within whichever of the following times ends later:

- (a) 14 days after the direction is made;
- (b) the time for payment of that compensation under regulation 17(3).

(4) Where an employer's insurer is required under section 47 of the Act to pay an amount stated in a notice of computation that, under section 44(5) of the Act, has the effect of an order of compensation, that amount must be paid under section 18(2) of the Act within the

time for payment of that compensation under regulation 17(1)(a) or (d)(ii).

(5) Despite paragraphs (1), (2), (3) and (4), where the Commissioner directs an employer's insurer to pay any compensation to a relative of an employee under section 20 of the Act, the amount payable by the employer's insurer under section 18(2)(e) of the Act in respect of that direction must be paid within 21 days after that direction is made.

**Time for payment by platform operator under section 19(1)
(read with section 34B) of Act**

18A.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), the platform operator must pay the compensation to the platform worker under section 19(1)(a) (read with section 34B) of the Act within 21 days after the following dates, as the case may be:

- (a) where a notice of computation in respect of the compensation is issued and has the effect of an order of compensation under section 47B(5)(a) of the Act — the date of service of the notice of computation;
- (b) where a notice of assessment in respect of the compensation is issued and has the effect of an order of compensation under section 48(3)(a) (read with section 35B) of the Act — the date of service of the notice of assessment;
- (c) where an order in respect of the compensation is made under section 51(2)(a) (read with section 35B) of the Act before any notice of computation or notice of assessment mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) or (b) is issued and no application to set aside the order is made within 21 days after the date on which that order is made — the date on which that order is made;
- (d) where all notices of objection to a notice of computation or a notice of assessment in respect of the compensation are withdrawn within 28 days after the service of that notice of computation or notice of assessment (as the case may be) — the earlier of the following dates:

- (i) the date on which the notice of computation or notice of assessment has the effect of an order of compensation under section 47B(5)(b) or section 48(3)(b) (read with section 35B) of the Act, as the case may be;
 - (ii) if, upon the withdrawal of all those notices of objection, the Commissioner makes an order under section 54(1)(c) (read with section 35B) of the Act in respect of that compensation — the date on which that order is made;
 - (e) where sub-paragraph (d) does not apply and the Commissioner makes an order under section 54(1)(c) (read with section 35B) of the Act in respect of the compensation — the date on which that order is made.
- (2) A platform operator must pay the amount of compensation payable by the platform operator under section 34M of the Act, in respect of any medical treatment received by the platform operator's platform worker for a work injury, within 14 days after the platform operator receives the following documents issued by the health professional or approved medical institution that provided the medical treatment:
- (a) an invoice for that medical treatment;
 - (b) where necessary, certification that the medical treatment was provided in relation to the work injury.
- (3) Compensation payable by a platform operator to the platform worker in respect of the platform operator's liability under section 34N of the Act must be paid within the time required under section 34N(2) of the Act, whether or not the claim for the compensation has been processed by the Commissioner or the platform operator's insurer under the Act.
- (4) Where the Commissioner directs a platform operator to pay any compensation to a relative of a platform worker under section 20 (read with section 34B) of the Act, the amount payable by the platform operator under section 19(1)(b) (read with section 34B) of

the Act in respect of that direction must be paid within 21 days after that direction is made.

Time for payment by platform operator's insurer under section 18(2) (read with section 34B) of Act

18B.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), where the Commissioner directs a platform operator's insurer under section 18(1) (read with section 34B) of the Act to pay an amount in respect of compensation, that amount must be paid under section 18(2) (read with section 34B) of the Act within whichever of the following times ends later:

- (a) 7 days after the date on which that direction is made;
- (b) the time for payment of that compensation under regulation 18A(1).

(2) Where the Commissioner directs a platform operator's insurer under section 18(1) (read with section 34B) of the Act to pay any amount in respect of a platform operator's liability for compensation under section 34M of the Act, the amount must be paid within whichever of the following times ends later:

- (a) 14 days after the direction is made;
- (b) the time for payment of that compensation under regulation 18A(2).

(3) Where the Commissioner directs a platform operator's insurer under section 18(1) (read with section 34B) of the Act to pay any amount in respect of a platform operator's liability for compensation under section 34N of the Act, the amount must be paid within whichever of the following times ends later:

- (a) 14 days after the direction is made;
- (b) the time for payment of that compensation under regulation 18A(3).

(4) Where a platform operator's insurer is required under section 47F of the Act to pay an amount stated in a notice of computation that, under section 47B(5) of the Act, has the effect of an order of compensation, that amount must be paid under section 18(2)

(read with section 34B) of the Act within the time for payment of that compensation under regulation 18A(1)(a) or (d)(ii).

(5) Despite paragraphs (1), (2), (3) and (4), where the Commissioner directs a platform operator's insurer to pay any compensation to a relative of a platform worker under section 20 (read with section 34B) of the Act, the amount payable by the platform operator's insurer under section 18(2)(e) (read with section 34B) of the Act in respect of that direction must be paid within 21 days after that direction is made.

Funeral expenses

19.—(1) The maximum amount of funeral expenses of an employee that the Commissioner may pay under section 21(2)(b)(i) of the Act is \$400.

(2) The maximum amount of funeral expenses of a platform worker that the Commissioner may pay under section 21(2)(b)(i) (read with section 34B) of the Act is \$400.

Time for reimbursement under section 47C(6) of Act

19A. For the purposes of section 47C(6) of the Act, the prescribed period is 21 days.

Prescribed period — section 47G(3)(a) of Act

19B. For the purposes of section 47G(3)(a) of the Act, the prescribed period is 21 days.

Time for application to set aside settlement order

20. An application to set aside a settlement order under section 51(3) of the Act must be made before the earlier of the following:

- (a) the receipt of the whole or any part of the amount of compensation payable in accordance with the settlement order by the claimant;
- (b) the 22nd day after the settlement order is made under section 51(2) of the Act.

Interest rate

21. The interest rate for the purposes of section 59(1) of the Act is —

- (a) 1% per month above the rate for a judgment debt — for the first 6 months; and
- (b) 2.6% per month above the rate for a judgment debt — after the first 6 months.

Lodgment with Public Trustee

22. Subject to section 58(4)(b) of the Act, money deposited with the Commissioner under the Act may be lodged with the Public Trustee to be held in trust for the person beneficially entitled to the money.

Fees

23.—(1) The fees payable to the Commissioner for the matters specified in the first column of the Second Schedule are as specified opposite in the second column.

(2) No fee is payable for any medical report that is attached to —

- (a) a notice of assessment issued by the Commissioner under section 48(1) of the Act;
- (b) a notice of assessment of additional compensation issued by the Commissioner under section 48(5) of the Act;
- (c) a notice of computation issued by an employer's insurer under section 44(3) of the Act; or
- (d) a notice of computation issued by a platform operator's insurer under section 47B(3) or 47C(1)(a) of the Act.

(3) Where a medical examination and medical report is required under section 57(2) of the Act in the determination of the amount of compensation payable under the Act in relation to one or more notices of objection in a claim, the fee for that medical examination and medical report must be paid as follows:

- (a) by the person who submits the first such notice of objection;

- (b) within 7 days after being directed by the Commissioner to pay the fee.

Waiver of costs and fees

24. If the Commissioner is satisfied that any party to a pre-hearing conference or hearing is unable, by reason of poverty, to pay the costs or prescribed fees, the Commissioner may waive all or any of the costs or fees.

PART 6

MISCELLANEOUS

Application to principals

25. The Act and these Regulations apply to a principal given a direction under section 13(1) of the Act to fulfil the obligations of an employer in respect of an employee of a contractor, subject to the modifications in the Third Schedule.

Application to seafarers

26. The Act and these Regulations apply to a seafarer, subject to the modifications in the Fourth Schedule.

Service of notice or document

27.—(1) For the purposes of section 80(1) of the Act, a notice or document required or authorised to be served under the Act may be served —

- (a) in accordance with section 48A of the Interpretation Act 1965; or
- (b) by transmitting it to an electronic mail address or electronic system, designated by the person to be served for service under the Act.

(2) The following classes of persons are prescribed for the purposes of section 80(2) of the Act:

- (a) in relation to the service of a notice or document required to be served under the Act by the Commissioner:

- (i) a designated employer's insurer or an employer's insurer;
 - (ii) an employer;
 - (iii) an employee of the employer;
 - (iv) a principal mentioned in section 13 of the Act;
 - (v) a designated PO's insurer or platform operator's insurer;
 - (vi) a platform operator;
 - (vii) a platform worker of the platform operator;
 - (viii) a representative under section 43 of the Act of a person mentioned in sub-paragraph (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv);
 - (ix) a representative under section 43 (read with section 35B) of the Act of a person mentioned in sub-paragraph (v), (vi) or (vii);
- (b) in relation to the service of a notice or document required to be served under the Act by an employer's insurer:
- (i) an employer;
 - (ii) an employee of the employer;
 - (iii) a representative under section 43 of the Act of a person mentioned in sub-paragraph (i) or (ii);
- (c) in relation to the service of a notice or document required to be served under the Act by a platform operator's insurer:
- (i) a platform operator;
 - (ii) a platform worker of the platform operator;
 - (iii) a representative under section 43 (read with section 35B) of the Act of a person mentioned in sub-paragraph (i) or (ii).

Transitional provision

28. In relation to a claim against an employer insured under an existing policy mentioned in section 83(2) of the Act that (under section 83(2)(c)(i) of the Act) must be processed by the Commissioner under section 36(2) of the Act, references in regulations 3, 6, 15, 18(1), (2), (3) and (5) and 27(2) and paragraph 1(b) of the Third Schedule to the employer's insurer apply as if they include references to the insurer who insures the employer under the existing policy.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Regulation 2(1) and (3)

APPROVED MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS

1. Any person who holds a licence under the Healthcare Services Act 2020 to provide any of the following licensable healthcare services:
 - (a) acute hospital service
 - (b) community hospital service
 - (c) nursing home service
2. Singapore National Eye Centre
3. National Skin Centre
4. National Cancer Centre Singapore
5. National Dental Centre Singapore
6. National Neuroscience Institute

SECOND SCHEDULE

Regulation 23(1)

FEES*First column**Second column*

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| 1. Supply of notes of evidence | |
| (a) for certified copy | \$3 per page |
| (b) for subsequent copy | 40 cents per page |

SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

<i>First column</i>	<i>Second column</i>
2. Supply of grounds of decision	
(a) for certified copy	\$10 per record
(b) for subsequent copy	\$5 per record
3. Copy of medical report	\$5.45 per copy
4. Copy of notice of accident	\$5.45 per copy
5. Medical examination and medical report from the Medical Board	The amount charged by the medical institution through which the medical examination and medical report are provided.

THIRD SCHEDULE

Regulation 25

MODIFICATIONS APPLICABLE TO PRINCIPALS

1. The Commissioner may direct a principal under section 13(1) of the Act to fulfil the obligation of an employer under section 19(1) of the Act to make any payment for an employee in any of the following circumstances:

- (a) where a notice of computation or notice of assessment has the effect of an order of compensation against the employer — the claimant informs the Commissioner, within 35 days after the date of the notice of computation or notice of assessment (as the case may be), that the employer has not made payment in accordance with the order of compensation;
- (b) in any other case, the Commissioner is satisfied that the employer and the employer's insurer (if any) are unable to fulfil the employer's liability to pay any compensation under the Act.

2. Where the Commissioner makes a direction under section 13(1) of the Act against a principal, the Commissioner must —

- (a) hold a pre-hearing conference under section 52 of the Act for the claimant, employer, principal and any other person directed by the Commissioner to attend; and
- (b) issue a fresh notice of assessment to the principal and the claimant.

3. If the principal or the claimant wishes to object to the fresh notice of assessment, the principal or claimant (as the case may be) must give the

THIRD SCHEDULE — *continued*

Commissioner a notice of objection stating the grounds of the objection within 14 days after the date of the fresh notice of assessment.

FOURTH SCHEDULE

Regulation 26

MODIFICATIONS APPLICABLE TO SEAFARERS

1. Where an accident happens on board a ship and the incapacity of a seafarer injured in the accident (who is not the master of the ship) commences while the seafarer is on board the ship, the seafarer does not need to give any notice of the accident.

2. The seafarer's employer is deemed to have notice of an accident in respect of a seafarer (who is not the master of the ship) for the purposes of the Act when the master of the ship is informed of the accident or has knowledge of the accident by any other means.

3. Where the master of the ship or a seafarer injured in an accident has died, section 35(5) of the Act is modified by substituting the following provision:

“(5) Where the master of the ship or a seafarer injured in an accident has died, the claim under the Act in respect of the master or seafarer (as the case may be) is deemed to be withdrawn if the seafarer's employer does not have notice of the accident —

- (a) within 6 months after the news of the death is received by the person making the claim in respect of the master or seafarer; or
- (b) where the ship has been or is deemed to have been lost with all hands, within 18 months after the date on which the ship was or is deemed to have been so lost.”.

FIFTH SCHEDULE

Regulation 2A(4)(a)

SPECIFIED DURATION

<i>First column</i>	<i>Second column</i>
<i>Disease</i>	<i>Duration</i>
<i>Diseases caused by physical agents</i>	
1. Barotrauma	12 months

FIFTH SCHEDULE — *continued*

<i>First column</i>	<i>Second column</i>
<i>Disease</i>	<i>Duration</i>
2. Cataract due to infra-red, ultraviolet or ionising radiation	12 months
3. Compressed air illness or its sequelae, including dysbaric osteonecrosis	12 months
4. Diseases caused by excessive heat	12 months
5. Diseases caused by ionising radiation	12 months
6. Noise-induced hearing loss	12 months
<i>Diseases caused by chemical agents</i>	
7. Poisoning by aniline	12 months
8. Poisoning by arsenic	12 months
9. Poisoning by benzene or a homologue of benzene	12 months
10. Poisoning by beryllium	12 months
11. Poisoning by cadmium	12 months
12. Poisoning by carbamates	12 months
13. Poisoning by carbon disulphide	12 months
14. Poisoning by carbon monoxide gas	12 months
15. Poisoning by cyanide	12 months
16. Poisoning by halogen derivatives of hydrocarbon compounds	12 months
17. Poisoning by hydrogen sulphide	12 months
18. Poisoning by lead	12 months
19. Poisoning by manganese	12 months
20. Poisoning by mercury	12 months
21. Poisoning by organophosphates	12 months
22. Poisoning by oxides of nitrogen	12 months
23. Poisoning by phosphorus	12 months
24. Toxic anaemia	12 months
25. Toxic hepatitis	12 months

FIFTH SCHEDULE — *continued*

<i>First column</i>	<i>Second column</i>
<i>Disease</i>	<i>Duration</i>
<i>Diseases caused by biological agents</i>	
26. Anthrax	12 months
27. Glanders	12 months
28. Leptospirosis or its sequelae	12 months
29. Occupational infectious disease	12 months
<i>Musculoskeletal disorders</i>	
30. Work-related musculoskeletal disorder	12 months
<i>Respiratory disorders</i>	
31. Asbestosis	36 months
32. Byssinosis	12 months
33. Occupational asthma	12 months
34. Silicosis	36 months
<i>Skin disorders</i>	
35. Occupational skin disease	12 months
<i>Cancers (Malignant diseases)</i>	
36. Malignant mesothelioma	12 months
37. Occupational liver angiosarcoma	12 months
38. Occupational skin cancer	12 months

COMPARATIVE TABLE
WORK INJURY COMPENSATION
REGULATIONS 2020

This subsidiary legislation has undergone renumbering in the 2026 Revised Edition. This Comparative Table is provided to help readers locate the corresponding provisions in the previous version.

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[<i>Omitted as having had effect</i>]	28 —(1)
28	(2)