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**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS
(GOVERNMENT HOMES)
REGULATIONS 2011**

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 88 of the Children and Young Persons Act, MG (NS) Chan Chun Sing, Minister of State, charged with the responsibility of the Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports, hereby makes the following Regulations:

PART I
PRELIMINARY

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Children and Young Persons (Government Homes) Regulations 2011 and shall come into operation on 20th July 2011.

Definitions

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

“home” means a home for children and young persons which is under the management or control of the Government and which is specified in the Schedule;

[Deleted by S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

“medical practitioner” means a registered medical practitioner under the Medical Registration Act (Cap. 174) who has in force a practising certificate issued under that Act;

“nurse” means an “enrolled nurse” or a “registered nurse” as defined in section 2 of the Nurses and Midwives Act (Cap. 209);

“relevant person” means a person —

(a) who may visit or meet with a resident of a home if such visit or meeting is permitted by the person-in-charge of the home; or

(b) whose wedding or funeral may be attended by a resident of a home if such attendance is permitted by the person-in-charge of the home;

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

“remanded person” means a person remanded in a home that is also a remand home, under section 53(2) of the Act;

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

“resident” means any person below 21 years of age residing in a home.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

PART II

PERSON-IN-CHARGE

Responsibilities of person-in-charge

3.—(1) The person-in-charge of a home shall be responsible to the Director-General for the proper management of the home under his charge, and for the reception, discipline and well-being of its residents.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

(2) The person-in-charge of a home shall, with the approval of the Director-General, determine and draw up the following:

(a) the duties of the members of the staff of the home under his charge;

(b) the daily routine for the residents of the home;

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

(c) security and other safety measures;

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

(d) such other standing instructions, duties, programmes and schedules as the Director-General may from time to time direct.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

Standards of Care

4.—(1) The Director-General may, from time to time, issue, amend and vary a document to be known as the Standards of Care which sets out the objectives and guidelines for the management and administration of any home and the care of residents of any such home.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

(2) The person-in-charge of a home shall use his best endeavours to comply with the provisions of the Standards of Care in respect of the home.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

PART III
RECORDS AND REPORTS

Records

5.—(1) The person-in-charge of a home shall ensure that up-to-date records are maintained in respect of the home and that those records shall be made available for inspection by the Director-General at all times.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

(2) The records required to be maintained in respect of a home under paragraph (1) shall include —

(a) particulars relating to —

(i) the admission and discharge of every resident to and from the home; and

(ii) the release on licence of any resident (other than a remanded person) from the home under section 76(2) of the Act and the revocation of any such licence;

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

(b) particulars of all the personal effects of every resident of the home which are handed to the person-in-charge of the home for safe-keeping upon the admission of the resident to the home, and a brief account of the manner in which all such personal effects are disposed of by the person-in-charge upon the discharge of that resident;

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

(c) personal particulars of every resident of the home, including the reason for the resident's stay at the home;

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

(d) particulars of every disciplinary action taken against any resident of the home;

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

(e) the daily records of the attendance of each resident of the home;

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

- (f) particulars of every event of importance connected with the management of the home;

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

- (g) for every visit to the home by any member of the Review Board, the name of the member and the member's comments (if any) concerning the home that were made during the visit; and

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

- (h) such other records as the Director-General may from time to time direct to be kept in respect of that home.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

(3) The records required to be maintained in respect of a home under paragraph (1) shall —

- (a) be available for inspection by any member of the Review Board at all times and shall be signed by the member upon inspection; and

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

- (b) be placed before the Review Board at any of its meetings if the Review Board so requires.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

Person-in-charge to inquire into complaint of abuse of resident

6.—(1) Upon the receipt of a complaint of abuse of any resident of a home, the person-in-charge of the home must report the complaint to the Director-General as soon as practicable.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

(2) The person-in-charge of a home shall inquire into the complaint of abuse of any resident of the home and report the initial findings to the Director-General within 3 days after the date of the receipt of the complaint.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

Notification of death, illness or accident or abscondence

7.—(1) Where a resident of a home dies or is seriously injured at any time when he has not been discharged as a resident of the home, the person-in-charge of that home shall, as soon as possible, report the

death or serious injury to the police, the Director-General and the parent or guardian of the resident.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

(2) Where it becomes necessary for a resident of a home to be admitted to a hospital for medical treatment, the person-in-charge of that home shall, as soon as possible, inform the parent or guardian of the resident.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

(3) The person-in-charge of a home must ensure that no surgical treatment is carried out on any resident of the home without the prior consent of the resident's parent or guardian unless —

- (a) where section 74 of the Act applies — consent has been given by the Director-General or a protector in accordance with that section; or
- (b) where section 74 of the Act does not apply and the resident is committed to the home under section 49(1)(b), 49B(2) or 49C (read with section 49B) of the Act — consent has been given by the Director-General, a protector or the care-giver of the resident in accordance with section 49A (read with section 49(1)(b)) of the Act, section 49D (read with section 49B(2)) of the Act, or section 49D (read with sections 49B and 49C) of the Act, as the case may be.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

(4) Where a resident of a home has been absent without authority from the home for more than 24 hours, the person-in-charge of that home shall, as soon as possible, report the absence to the police and the parent or guardian of the resident.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

(5) Where a resident of a home escapes from a home or from the custody of a member of the staff thereof, the person-in-charge of that home shall immediately make a report of the escape to the police, the Director-General and the parent or guardian of the resident.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

PART IV

SAFETY

First-aid facilities

8.—(1) The person-in-charge of a home shall ensure that the home has a first-aid kit for emergency treatment that is kept in an accessible and safe place in the home.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

(2) *[Deleted by S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]*

(3) The person-in-charge of a home shall ensure that there is, at all times present on site at the home, at least one member of the staff of the home who is trained in first-aid.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

Fire precautions

9.—(1) The person-in-charge of a home shall ensure that —

- (a) there is a fire emergency plan for the home;
- (b) *[Deleted by S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]*
- (c) fire drills by residents and staff of the home are conducted at least once every 3 months;
- (d) a record is maintained of all such fire drills;
- (e) any apparatus or firefighting equipment recommended by the Commissioner of Civil Defence is installed in the home and is regularly inspected, maintained and ready for use;
- (f) the staff of the home are conversant with the method of using such equipment; and
- (g) all exits from the home as well as all passageways and staircases are clear of obstructions at all times.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

(2) In this regulation, “Commissioner of Civil Defence” means the Commissioner of Civil Defence appointed under section 6 of the Civil Defence Act (Cap. 42).

PART V
MANAGEMENT OF RESIDENTS

Personal effects of resident

10.—(1) The personal effects of a resident shall, upon his admission to a home, be taken from him by the person-in-charge of the home and, subject to paragraph (2), the person-in-charge shall cause such personal effects to be handed over to the parent or guardian of the resident as soon as possible or otherwise returned to the resident upon his discharge from the home.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

(2) Where any item among the personal effects of a resident of a home at the time of his admission to the home is of a perishable or dangerous nature, the person-in-charge of the home shall cause the item to be destroyed.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

(3) *[Deleted by S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]*

Medical examination

11. The person-in-charge of a home shall ensure that every resident shall as soon as practicable after his admission to a home, be examined by a medical practitioner.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

Food and necessities

12.—(1) The person-in-charge of a home shall ensure that there is a written menu that is displayed conspicuously in the home and made available for inspection at all times by any officer authorised by the Director-General.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

(2) The person-in-charge of a home shall ensure that every resident of the home shall be supplied with adequate food and an adequate variety of food.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

(3) The person-in-charge of a home shall ensure that every resident of the home shall be provided with adequate sleeping space, clothes,

toiletries and such other items as may be necessary for his stay at the home.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

Religious observance

13.—(1) As far as is practicable, the person-in-charge of a home shall ensure that arrangements are made for every resident of the home to adhere to the observances required by the religion which the resident professes.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

(2) The person-in-charge of a home shall ensure that ministers of religion shall, wherever possible, be given access to the home for the purpose of visiting or giving religious instruction to residents of the home (other than remanded persons) according to their particular faiths.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

Activities for residents

14.—(1) The person-in-charge of a home must ensure that the activities for every resident of the home (other than a remanded person) must, wherever possible, include —

- (a) moral or religious guidance;
- (b) education;
- (c) vocational training;
- (d) work;
- (e) physical training;
- (f) social and recreational activities; and
- (g) individual and group therapy.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

(2) In this regulation, “work” means light work, such as a resident of a home making his own bed, cleaning his own dormitory, or assisting in similar light work in the kitchen or about the buildings or grounds of the home.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

15. *[Deleted by S 457/2026 wef 01/07/2026]*

16. *[Deleted by S 457/2026 wef 01/07/2026]*

Writing and receipt of letters

17.—(1) The person-in-charge of a home shall ensure that every resident of the home shall be encouraged to write to his parent, guardian, relatives and friends or, if he is unable to write, to dictate his letter to a member of the staff of the home.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), the person-in-charge of a home shall ensure that every resident of the home is allowed to receive letters from his parent, guardian, relatives and friends.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

(3) The person-in-charge of a home shall not allow any letter to be posted or received by a resident of the home unless the contents thereof have been screened by the person-in-charge or a staff of that home authorised by that person-in-charge.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

18. *[Deleted by S 457/2026 wef 01/07/2026]*

PART VI

BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT AND DISCIPLINE

Residents to obey orders

19. Every resident of a home shall obey the lawful orders of the staff of the home.

Fair discipline

20. Every member of the staff of a home shall treat every resident of the home fairly and firmly in the enforcement of discipline.

Orders, rules and directions

21.—(1) The person-in-charge of a home may issue to the residents of the home orders, rules and directions that are necessary to —

- (a) maintain the discipline of the residents;
- (b) protect or rehabilitate the residents; or

(c) ensure the wellbeing of the residents.

(2) An order mentioned in paragraph (1) may be given verbally or in writing.

(3) To avoid doubt, a failure by any resident of a home to comply with any order, rule or direction mentioned in paragraph (1) constitutes indiscipline for which punishment may be imposed under regulation 22.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

Punishment for indiscipline

22.—(1) Where the imposition of punishment on any resident of a home is necessary for the maintenance of discipline, the punishment shall be administered according to the discretion of the person-in-charge of the home or a member of the staff of the home who is authorised by the person-in-charge of the home.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1), the person-in-charge of a home or a member of the staff of the home authorised by the person-in-charge thereof may only impose any one or more of the following forms of punishment (and no other form) on a resident of a home:

- (a) forfeiture or curtailment of rewards and privileges or deprivation of social activities for a specified period, except that the privileges forfeited shall not include the reception of visits from the resident's parent or guardian;
- (b) performance of extra duties in and around the buildings or grounds of the home;
- (c) separation from other residents of the home in accordance with regulation 23;
- (d) corporal punishment in accordance with regulation 24.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

(3) The person-in-charge of a home shall —

(a) record —

- (i) the reasons for his decision to impose any punishment on any resident of the home; and

(ii) the form of punishment imposed; and

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

(b) inform the resident's parent or guardian as soon as possible of the disciplinary action that has been taken and the punishment that has been imposed on the resident.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

Separation from other residents

23.—(1) Where a resident of a home is guilty of serious misconduct, the person-in-charge of the home may, in his discretion, separate the resident from the other residents in the home.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

(2) Any such punishment under paragraph (1) shall only be imposed on a resident of a home subject to the following conditions:

(a) no resident below 12 years of age shall be separated from the other residents in the home;

(b) the room in which the resident is kept separate from the other residents shall be bright and airy and kept lighted after dark;

(c) the resident who is kept separate from the other residents shall be provided with means of communication with a member of the staff of the home;

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

(d) no resident shall be separated from the other residents in the home for more than 30 consecutive days except with the prior approval of the Director-General.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

(3) The person-in-charge of a home shall record the reasons for his decision to separate any resident of the home from the other residents in the home, and the period of the separation.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

Corporal punishment

24.—(1) The person-in-charge and the staff of a home shall make every effort to enforce discipline within the home without resort to corporal punishment.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

(2) The person-in-charge of a home must be satisfied after an inquiry and before imposing any corporal punishment that the resident of the home is guilty of serious misconduct and that the misconduct is of such a nature as to warrant the imposition of corporal punishment.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

(3) The person-in-charge of a home must seek the approval of the Director-General before imposing corporal punishment on any resident of the home.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

(4) The person-in-charge of a home shall record the particulars and evidence of the alleged misconduct of a resident of the home, his findings on the evidence, and the grounds of his decision to impose corporal punishment on the resident.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

(5) Corporal punishment shall only be administered by way of caning and be subject to the following conditions:

(a) where corporal punishment is to be administered to a male resident of a home —

(i) it must be administered by the person-in-charge of the home in the presence of a member of the staff, or by a member of the staff of the home authorised by the person-in-charge, in the presence of another member of the staff;

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

(ia) the person-in-charge of the home must keep a record of the fact that the carrying out of the punishment was witnessed by a member of the staff, and the personal particulars of that member of the staff;

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

(ii) the number of strokes inflicted shall not exceed 10;

(iii) the strokes may be inflicted on the resident's palm or on his buttocks over his clothes; and

(iv) it shall not be administered in the presence of any other resident of the home.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

(b) *[Deleted by S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]*

(6) Corporal punishment must not be administered to —

(a) any female resident of a home; or

(b) any resident of a home who suffers from any physical or mental disability.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

Prohibition of unauthorised forms of corporal punishment

25.—(1) No member of the staff of a home shall subject any resident thereof to any form of unauthorised corporal punishment.

(2) In this regulation, “unauthorised corporal punishment” includes striking, cuffing, shaking or punching a resident, or subjecting him to any other form of physical violence except for that permitted in accordance with regulation 24 or section 68A of the Act.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

26. *[Deleted by S 457/2026 wef 01/07/2026]*

Punishment of resident who has been guilty of failure to return or escaping from home

27. Where a resident of a home (other than a remanded person) has failed to return to the home immediately after his home leave or special leave granted under regulation 3 or 4 of the Children and Young Persons (Leave and Visits) Regulations 2026 (G.N. No. S 458/2026), or after having escaped from the home, the person-in-charge of that home may impose one or both of the following forms of punishment on the resident:

(a) keep him separated from the other residents for not more than 30 consecutive days, subject to the conditions in regulation 23 being complied with;

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

(b) impose corporal punishment on the resident in accordance with regulation 24.

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

[S 457/2026 wef 01/07/2026]

Use of mechanical restraints

28.—(1) For the purposes of section 68A(2)(a) of the Act, the prescribed place is any of the following:

- (a) a healthcare institution;
- (b) a clinical laboratory;
- (c) a court;
- (d) a place where the resident is to attend —
 - (i) any educational class or training, or take up any internship or employment that in the opinion of the person-in-charge is suitable for the resident; or
 - (ii) any mediation, counselling, psychotherapy session or other assessment, programme or treatment that the resident is required to attend by the person-in-charge or under any order by a court;
- (e) a place where the resident is to meet with a relevant person, including the place where the relevant person resides;
- (f) a place to which a resident is required to go pursuant to an order made by a court;
- (g) a place where a relevant person's wedding is held;
- (h) a place where the funeral of a relevant person is held.

(2) In this regulation —

“clinical laboratory” means any premises used or intended to be used for any type of examination of the human body or of any matter derived therefrom for the purpose of providing information for the diagnosis, prevention or treatment of any disease or for the assessment of the health of any person, or for ascertaining the result of any medical or surgical treatment given to any person;

“healthcare institution” means a place where —

- (a) a medical practitioner provides medical treatment to, or conducts medical examination on, a patient; or
- (b) a registered dentist practices dentistry,

and includes an approved hospital mentioned in section 70(3) of the Act;

“practice of dentistry” and “registered dentist” have the meanings given by section 2 of the Dental Registration Act (Cap. 76).

[S 515/2020 wef 01/07/2020]

THE SCHEDULE

Regulation 2

LIST OF HOMES TO WHICH THESE REGULATIONS APPLY

- (1) Singapore Boys' Home
- (2) Singapore Girls' Home

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