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ONLINE SAFETY (RELIEF AND ACCOUNTABILITY) ACT 2025

ONLINE SAFETY (RELIEF AND ACCOUNTABILITY) (END-USER IDENTITY) REGULATIONS 2026

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 82 of the Online Safety (Relief and Accountability) Act 2025, the Minister for Digital Development and Information makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations are the Online Safety (Relief and Accountability) (End-User Identity) Regulations 2026 and come into operation on 29 June 2026.

Definitions

2. In these Regulations —

“specified person” means —

- (a) the victim or the victim’s litigation representative; or
- (b) if the victim lacks capacity (within the meaning of the Mental Capacity Act 2008) to commence any contemplated or intended proceedings in court —

- (i) a deputy appointed or deemed to be appointed for the victim under that Act; or
- (ii) a donee under a lasting power of attorney granted, by the victim, under that Act;

“victim” means a person mentioned in section 22(1) of the Act for whom the application under section 53(1) of the Act is made.

Prescribed purpose under section 53(3)(b) of Act

3. The purpose of any contemplated or intended proceedings in court by any specified person against or otherwise in relation to an end-user who has allegedly engaged in online harmful activity in relation to the victim, is a prescribed purpose under section 53(3)(b) of the Act.

Prescribed period under section 53(3)(c)(i) of Act

4.—(1) For the purposes of section 53(3)(c)(i) of the Act, the prescribed period is 12 months starting after the later of the following dates:

- (a) the date on which the alleged online harmful activity was first conducted, or communicated or published (in a case where it is conducted by communication or publication), in relation to the victim;
- (b) the date on which any specified person had knowledge of the alleged online harmful activity conducted, or communicated or published (in a case where it is conducted by communication or publication), in relation to the victim.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1) —

- (a) a reference to the alleged online harmful activity is a reference to the alleged online harmful activity in relation to the victim that is the subject of the application made under section 53(1) of the Act; and
- (b) an alleged online harmful activity that was first communicated or published (where it is conducted by

communication or publication of online material) before 29 June 2026 is treated as having been first communicated or published on that date if the online material is made available to, or heard, seen or otherwise perceived by, one or more persons in Singapore on or after that date.

Illustrations

(a) On 1 July 2026, *X* anonymously posts an intimate image of *Y* on an online messaging group without *Y*'s consent. The intimate image remains available on the group on 2 July 2027 and is not taken down. On 2 July 2027, *Y* sees the intimate image and on the same day, makes an application to the Commissioner under section 53(1) of the Act to disclose the identity of *X*. The application is made more than 12 months after the date on which the intimate image was first communicated by *X*, but less than 12 months after the date on which *Y* had knowledge of the intimate image. It therefore falls within the period prescribed in paragraph (1).

(b) On 1 July 2026, *X* anonymously posts threats on an online messaging group directed at *Y*. *Y* sees the threats on the same day. The threats remain available on the group on 2 July 2027 and are not taken down. On 2 July 2027, *Y* makes an application to the Commissioner under section 53(1) of the Act to disclose the identity of *X*. The application is made more than 12 months after the date on which the threats were first communicated by *X* and the date on which *Y* had knowledge of the threats. It therefore falls outside of the period prescribed in paragraph (1).

Withdrawal of application under section 53(1) of Act at any time

5. An application under section 53(1) of the Act may be withdrawn at any time before the Commissioner makes a decision under that provision in respect of the application.

Made on 24 June 2026.

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