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PRISONS ACT 1933

PRISONS (POLICE LOCK-UPS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2026

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 4(3) of the Prisons Act 1933, the Minister for Home Affairs makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations are the Prisons (Police Lock-ups) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 and come into operation on 1 June 2026.

Amendment of regulation 1

2. In the Prisons (Police Lock-ups) Regulations 2013 (G.N. No. S 684/2013) (called in these Regulations the principal Regulations), in regulation 1, after “Police Lock-ups”, insert “and Temporary Lock-ups”.

Amendment of regulation 2

3. In the principal Regulations, in regulation 2 —

(a) replace the definition of “authorised officer” with —

““authorised officer” means —

(a) for a police lock-up —

(i) a police officer assigned by or on behalf of the officer-in-charge of a police lock-up to perform, at the police lock-up, the duties specified in regulation 6; or

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- (ii) an auxiliary police officer employed under section 50B of the Act as an escort or a guard to ensure the safe custody of any person who is under the auxiliary police officer's custody while the person is transported to, or from, any police lock-up or while the person is at any place outside a police lock-up; and
- (b) for a temporary lock-up —
- (i) a police officer assigned by or on behalf of the officer-in-charge of a temporary lock-up to perform, at the temporary lock-up, the duties specified in regulation 6;
 - (ii) an auxiliary police officer employed under section 50B of the Act as an escort or a guard to ensure the safe custody of any person who is under the auxiliary police officer's custody while the person is transported to, or from, any temporary lock-up or while the person is at any place outside a temporary lock-up; or
 - (iii) a prison officer assigned by or on behalf of the officer-in-charge of the temporary lock-up, with the approval of the Commissioner, to perform, at the temporary

lock-up, the duties specified in regulation 6;”;

- (b) delete the definitions of “auxiliary police officer” and “lock-up”;
- (c) in the definition of “lock-up officer”, after “police lock-up”, insert “or temporary lock-up”;
- (d) replace the definition of “lock-up prisoner” with —
 - ““lock-up prisoner” —
 - (a) in relation to a police lock-up, means a person, whether convicted or not, who is confined in the police lock-up, or who is transported to, or from, the police lock-up; and
 - (b) in relation to a temporary lock-up, means a person, whether convicted or not, who is confined in the temporary lock-up, or who is transported to, or from, the temporary lock-up;”;
- (e) in the definition of “officer-in-charge”, after “police lock-up”, insert “or a temporary lock-up”;
- (f) in the definition of “police lock-up”, replace “to which, or in relation to which, these Regulations apply.” with “specified under regulation 3(1);”;
- (g) after the definition of “police lock-up”, insert —
 - ““temporary lock-up” means a temporary lock-up appointed under section 4(1A) of the Act, or the appointment of which is extended under section 4(1B) of the Act, for the confinement of the arrested persons described in section 4(1A) of the Act.”.

Amendment of regulation 3

4. In the principal Regulations, in regulation 3 —
- (a) renumber regulation 3 as paragraph (1) of that regulation;
 - (b) in paragraph (1), delete sub-paragraphs (a), (e) and (f); and
 - (c) after paragraph (1), insert —
“ (2) These Regulations also apply to, and in relation to, any temporary lock-up.”.

Amendment of regulation 4

5. In the principal Regulations, in regulation 4 —
- (a) in the regulation heading, after “**police lock-ups**”, insert “**and temporary lock-ups**”;
 - (b) in paragraph (1), after “police lock-up” wherever it appears, insert “or temporary lock-up”;
 - (c) replace paragraph (2) with —
“ (2) The Commissioner of Police may appoint an officer-in-charge for any police lock-up or temporary lock-up.”;
 - (d) in paragraphs (3) and (4), after “a police lock-up”, insert “or temporary lock-up”;
 - (e) in paragraph (3), after “the police lock-up”, insert “or temporary lock-up”; and
 - (f) in paragraph (4), replace “that police lock-up to assist him in the day-to-day management and administration of the police lock-up” with “the police lock-up or temporary lock-up to assist the officer-in-charge in the day-to-day management and administration of that police lock-up or temporary lock-up”.

Amendment of regulation 5

6. In the principal Regulations, in regulation 5 —
- (a) in the regulation heading, after “**police lock-ups**”, insert “**and temporary lock-ups**”;
 - (b) after “of a police lock-up”, insert “or temporary lock-up”;
 - (c) in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c), after “police lock-up”, insert “or temporary lock-up”; and
 - (d) in paragraph (d), replace “a police lock-up” with “the police lock-up or temporary lock-up”.

Amendment of regulation 6

7. In the principal Regulations, in regulation 6 —
- (a) after “a police lock-up”, insert “or temporary lock-up”; and
 - (b) in paragraphs (a) to (e), after “the police lock-up”, insert “or temporary lock-up”.

Amendment of regulation 7

8. In the principal Regulations, in regulation 7(1), after “police lock-up”, insert “or temporary lock-up”.

Amendment of regulation 8

9. In the principal Regulations, in regulation 8 —
- (a) after “a police lock-up”, insert “or temporary lock-up”; and
 - (b) after “the police lock-up”, insert “or temporary lock-up”.

Amendment of regulation 9

10. In the principal Regulations, in regulation 9 —
- (a) after “a police lock-up”, insert “or temporary lock-up”; and
 - (b) after “the police lock-up”, insert “or temporary lock-up”.

Amendment of regulation 10

11. In the principal Regulations, in regulation 10, after “police lock-up”, insert “or temporary lock-up”.

Amendment of regulation 11

12. In the principal Regulations, in regulation 11 —

- (a) in paragraph (3), after “a police lock-up”, insert “or temporary lock-up”;
- (b) in paragraphs (3)(a) and (b), after “police lock-up” wherever it appears, insert “or temporary lock-up”;
- (c) in paragraph (3)(a), replace “he” with “the lock-up prisoner”;
- (d) in paragraph (3)(b), replace “his” with “the lock-up prisoner’s”;
- (e) in paragraph (4), after “police lock-up”, insert “or temporary lock-up”; and
- (f) in paragraph (4), replace “him” with “the lock-up officer”.

Amendment of regulation 12

13. In the principal Regulations, in regulation 12 —

- (a) in paragraph (1), after “a police lock-up”, insert “or temporary lock-up”;
- (b) in paragraphs (1)(a) and (b), (2)(a) and (3), after “the police lock-up” wherever it appears, insert “or temporary lock-up”;
- (c) in paragraph (1)(a) and (b), replace “his” with “the visitor’s”;
- (d) in paragraph (3), after “a police lock-up”, insert “or temporary lock-up”; and
- (e) replace paragraph (4) with —

“(4) Where a lock-up officer denies any visitor admission to a police lock-up or temporary lock-up under paragraph (3), the lock-up officer must record the grounds of the lock-up officer’s refusal in a report to the officer-in-charge of that police lock-up or temporary lock-up.”.

Amendment of regulation 13

14. In the principal Regulations, in regulation 13, after “police lock-up”, insert “and temporary lock-up”.

Amendment of regulation 14

15. In the principal Regulations, in regulation 14(1) —

- (a) after “a police lock-up”, insert “or temporary lock-up”; and
- (b) after “the police lock-up”, insert “or temporary lock-up”.

Amendment of regulation 15

16. In the principal Regulations, in regulation 15 —

- (a) after “a police lock-up”, insert “or temporary lock-up”; and
- (b) after “the police lock-up”, insert “or temporary lock-up”.

Amendment of regulation 16

17. In the principal Regulations, in regulation 16 —

- (a) after “a police lock-up”, insert “or temporary lock-up”;
- (b) after “the police lock-up” wherever it appears, insert “or temporary lock-up”; and
- (c) replace “his” with “that lock-up prisoner’s”.

Amendment of regulation 17

18. In the principal Regulations, in regulation 17 —

- (a) in paragraph (1), after “a police lock-up”, insert “or temporary lock-up”;
- (b) in paragraph (3), after “a police lock-up”, insert “or temporary lock-up”; and
- (c) in paragraph (3)(b), after “the police lock-up”, insert “or temporary lock-up”.

Amendment of regulation 18

19. In the principal Regulations, in regulation 18 —

(a) after “a police lock-up”, insert “or temporary lock-up”; and

(b) after “the police lock-up”, insert “or temporary lock-up”.

Amendment of regulation 19

20. In the principal Regulations, in regulation 19(1), after “himself”, insert “or herself”.

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