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CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS ACT 1993

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS (LEAVE AND VISITS) REGULATIONS 2026

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 118 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1993, the Minister for Social and Family Development makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations are the Children and Young Persons (Leave and Visits) Regulations 2026 and come into operation on 1 July 2026.

Definitions

2. In these Regulations —

“controlled drug” has the meaning given by section 2 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1973;

“imitation tobacco product” has the meaning given by section 2(1) of the Tobacco and Vaporisers Control Act 1993;

“intoxicating substance” has the meaning given by section 2 of the Intoxicating Substances Act 1987;

“relevant place” —

- (a) in relation to regulations 3, 4 and 5 — means a juvenile rehabilitation centre, a place of safety, a place of temporary care and protection, or a place of detention; and
- (b) in relation to regulation 6 — means a juvenile rehabilitation centre, a place of safety, a place of temporary care and protection, a place of detention, or a remand home;

“specified psychoactive substance” has the meaning given by section 2(1) of the Tobacco and Vapourisers Control Act 1993;

“tobacco product” has the meaning given by section 2(1) of the Tobacco and Vapourisers Control Act 1993;

“vapouriser” has the meaning given by section 2(1) of the Tobacco and Vapourisers Control Act 1993.

Home leave

3.—(1) The person-in-charge of a relevant place may grant home leave to any resident of the relevant place to —

- (a) visit any person the person-in-charge permits the resident to meet; or
- (b) participate in activities that facilitate the protection and rehabilitation of the resident, and the resident’s reintegration with the resident’s family and with society.

(2) A resident of a relevant place who has been granted home leave under paragraph (1) must abide by the following conditions during the period of leave granted to the resident:

- (a) the resident must return to the relevant place immediately upon the expiry of the period of leave;
- (b) the resident must remain indoors during the times specified by the person-in-charge;

- (c) the resident must not visit any undesirable place that the person-in-charge specifies;
- (d) the resident must not consume or use or have in the resident's possession any controlled drug, intoxicating substance, imitation tobacco product, tobacco product, specified psychoactive substance, vaporiser or alcoholic drink;
- (e) the resident must not behave in a disorderly manner;
- (f) any other conditions specified by the person-in-charge in any particular case.

Special leave

4.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the person-in-charge of a relevant place may grant a resident of the relevant place special leave to —

- (a) attend any educational class or training or take up any internship or employment that the person-in-charge is of the opinion is suitable for the resident; or
- (b) travel outside Singapore if —
 - (i) in the case of a resident who is the subject of an order made under section 54(1)(b) or 56(2) of the Act, or section 57 (read with section 56) of the Act under which the Director-General, a protector or the care-giver of the resident may consent to the resident travelling internationally — the consent has been given in accordance with section 55 (read with section 54(1)(b)) of the Act, section 58 (read with section 56(2)) of the Act, or section 58 (read with sections 56 and 57) of the Act, as the case may be;
 - (ii) in the case of a resident who is the subject of a voluntary care agreement under which it is agreed that the Director-General, a protector or the care-giver of the resident may consent to the resident travelling internationally — the consent

has been given in accordance with the voluntary care agreement;

- (iii) in the case of a resident who is the subject of a statutory order (other than an order mentioned in sub-paragraph (i)) to reside in the relevant place — the consent of the resident's parent or guardian, and the Director-General's approval, has been given for the travel; or
- (iv) in any other case — the consent of the parent or guardian of the resident has been given for the travel.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), the person-in-charge of a relevant place may grant a resident of the relevant place special leave for any other special purpose for which the person-in-charge thinks fit and proper to grant special leave to the resident.

(3) A resident of a relevant place who has been granted special leave under paragraph (1) or (2) must abide by the following conditions during the period of special leave granted to the resident:

- (a) the resident must leave and return to the relevant place at the times specified by the person-in-charge of the relevant place;
- (b) the resident must not, without reasonable cause, fail to attend any of the following:
 - (i) 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;
 - (ii) any educational class, training, internship or employment;
- (c) the resident must not consume or use or have in his or her possession any controlled drug, intoxicating substance, imitation tobacco product, tobacco product, specified psychoactive substance, vaporiser or alcoholic drink;
- (d) the resident must not behave in a disorderly manner;

- (e) such other conditions as the person-in-charge of the relevant place may specify in that particular case.

Failure to return after leave or escape from relevant place

5.—(1) This regulation applies where a resident of a relevant place returns to the relevant place after —

- (a) having initially failed to return to the relevant place immediately after the expiry of the resident's home leave or special leave; or
- (b) having escaped from the relevant place.

(2) The person-in-charge of the relevant place must, within 7 days after the return of the resident, do the following:

- (a) compute the period during which the resident was at large;
- (b) issue a certificate stating the period during which the resident was at large;
- (c) cause a copy of the certificate issued under sub-paragraph (b) to be given and explained to the resident and to the parent or guardian of the resident;
- (d) obtain the resident's acknowledgment of the certificate;
- (e) where the resident was admitted to the relevant place pursuant to a statutory order, submit a copy of the certificate to the Youth Court.

Provision to receive visits

6.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), the person-in-charge of a relevant place must ensure that every resident of a relevant place is allowed to receive visits from the resident's parent or guardian during the hours and at a reasonable interval that the person-in-charge determines.

(2) The person-in-charge of a relevant place may in exceptional cases allow a resident of the relevant place to receive visits from other persons that the person-in-charge thinks necessary or desirable.

(3) The person-in-charge of a relevant place may, where the circumstances so warrant, refuse to allow the parent or guardian of a resident of the relevant place to visit the resident, but in every such case the person-in-charge must record the reasons for doing so.

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