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DESTITUTE PERSONS ACT 1989

DESTITUTE PERSONS (WELFARE HOMES) (AMENDMENT) RULES 2026

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 9 of the Destitute Persons Act 1989, the Minister for Social and Family Development makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules are the Destitute Persons (Welfare Homes) (Amendment) Rules 2026 and come into operation on 1 July 2026.

Deletion of Part I

2. In the Destitute Persons (Welfare Homes) Rules (R 1) (called in these Rules the principal Rules), delete Part I.

Deletion of rule 12

3. In the principal Rules, delete rule 12.

Amendment of rule 13

4. In the principal Rules, in rule 13, replace “The Committee” with “A Review Committee appointed under section 10 of the Act (called in these Rules the Committee) for a welfare home”.

Amendment of rule 14

5. In the principal Rules, in rule 14 —

- (a) in paragraph (1), replace “the Committee shall be appointed for a term not exceeding two years and shall be eligible for reappointment” with “the Committee are appointed for the period specified by the Minister”; and
- (b) after paragraph (2), insert —

“(3) In this rule, “Minister” includes any Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Social and Family Development.”.

Amendment of rule 15

6. In the principal Rules, in rule 15, after “meeting”, insert “of the Committee”.

Replacement of rule 16

7. In the principal Rules, replace rule 16 with —

“Chairperson

16. The Chairperson of the Committee must be appointed by the Minister from among the members of the Committee.”.

Deletion of rules 17, 18 and 19

8. In the principal Rules, delete rules 17, 18 and 19.

Deletion of Part III

9. In the principal Rules, delete Part III.

Amendment of rule 21

10. In the principal Rules, in rule 21(2), replace “Superintendent” with “person-in-charge of a welfare home”.

Amendment of rule 22

11. In the principal Rules, in rule 22(3), replace “Superintendent” with “person-in-charge of a welfare home”.

Deletion of rules 23 and 24

12. In the principal Rules, delete rules 23 and 24.

Amendment of rule 26

13. In the principal Rules, in rule 26(1) —

(a) after “Committee”, insert “for a welfare home”; and

- (b) replace “from a welfare home” with “from the welfare home”.

Amendment of rule 29

14. In the principal Rules, in rule 29, after “Committee”, insert “for the welfare home”.

Deletion of rules 31, 32 and 33

15. In the principal Rules, delete rules 31, 32 and 33.

Amendment of rule 34

16. In the principal Rules, in rule 34(2), replace “Director-General” with “person-in-charge of the welfare home”.

Amendment of rule 35

17. In the principal Rules, in rule 35, replace “Director-General” with “person-in-charge of the welfare home”.

Amendment of rule 36

18. In the principal Rules, in rule 36, replace paragraph (1) with —
“(1) The person-in-charge of a welfare home may grant a resident of the welfare home leave for employment.”.

Deletion of rules 37, 38 and 40

19. In the principal Rules, delete rules 37, 38 and 40.

Amendment of rule 41

20. In the principal Rules, in rule 41, replace “Superintendent” with “person-in-charge of the welfare home”.

Amendment of rule 42

21. In the principal Rules, in rule 42, replace “Superintendent” with “person-in-charge of the welfare home”.

Deletion of rules 43 to 47 and Part VIII heading

22. In the principal Rules —

- (a) delete rules 43 to 47; and
- (b) after rule 45, delete the Part heading.

Saving provision

23. Despite rule 5(a), rule 14(1) of the principal Rules as in force immediately before 1 July 2026 continues to apply in relation to a member of the Review Committee appointed before that date, as if rule 5(a) had not been made.

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