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ANIMALS AND BIRDS ACT
(CHAPTER 7)

ANIMALS AND BIRDS
(DOG LICENSING AND CONTROL)
(AMENDMENT) RULES 2020

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 59 and 80 of the Animals and Birds Act, the Minister for National Development makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules are the Animals and Birds (Dog Licensing and Control) (Amendment) Rules 2020 and come into operation on 1 September 2020.

Amendment of rule 2

2. Rule 2 of the Animals and Birds (Dog Licensing and Control) Rules (R 1) (called in these Rules the principal Rules) is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the words “rule 4(2)(a)” in the definition of “licence”, the words “or 4AA(4)(a)”;
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “licence fee”, the following definition:

““licensee” includes a transferee who is issued a licence under rule 4AA(4)(a);”;

- (c) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “owner”, the following definition:

““perpetual licence”, in relation to a dog, means a licence that is valid for the lifetime of the dog unless the licence is earlier revoked or cancelled;”.

Amendment of rule 4

3. Rule 4 of the principal Rules is amended —

- (a) by deleting sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (1);
- (b) by deleting sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (2) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:

“(a) on the payment of the appropriate licence fee, issue a licence to the applicant subject to any condition that the Director-General thinks fit to impose; or”;

- (c) by deleting paragraph (4) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(4) A licence issued is valid —

- (a) for the duration specified in the licence; or
- (b) in the case of a perpetual licence, for the lifetime of the dog,

unless the licence is earlier revoked or cancelled.”.

New rule 4AA

4. The principal Rules are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 4, the following rule:

“Transfer of licence

4AA.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), an application for the transfer of a licence (whether issued before, on or after 1 September 2020) for a dog (whether or not it is sterilised) may be made by the licensee (called the transferor) to another person (called the transferee) if, as at the date on which the application is made, the dog is not kept for sale in a dog farm or a pet shop.

(2) In addition to the condition in paragraph (1), an application to transfer a perpetual licence may only be made if, as at the date on which the application is made, not more than 2 other dogs are kept at the premises at which the dog (the licence of which is to be transferred) is to be kept after the transfer.

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- (3) An application mentioned in paragraph (1) must be —
- (a) made to the Director-General and in the form and manner required by the Director-General; and
 - (b) accompanied by the particulars, information and documents specified by the Director-General.

(4) On receipt of an application under paragraph (1), the Director-General may —

- (a) issue a licence to the transferee subject to any condition that the Director-General thinks fit to impose; or
- (b) refuse to approve the application.

(5) Where the Director-General refuses to approve the application to issue a licence under paragraph (4)(b), the Director-General must, if requested to do so by the transferor, state in writing the reasons for his refusal.

(6) A licence issued under paragraph (4)(a) —

- (a) is valid for the remaining validity period of the licence that is transferred; or
- (b) is a perpetual licence if the licence that is transferred is a perpetual licence.”.

Amendment of rule 5

5. Rule 5(3) of the principal Rules is amended by deleting the words “rule 4(1)(a)” and substituting the words “rule 4(2)(a) or (6)”.

New rule 5A

6. The principal Rules are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 5, the following rule:

“Conversion to perpetual licence for sterilised dogs

5A.—(1) A specified licence for a dog that has been sterilised as at the date the licence is issued is converted to a perpetual licence with effect from 1 September 2020.

(2) Where —

- (a) before, on or after 1 September 2020, a licence with a validity period of 3 years was issued in respect of an unsterilised dog;
- (b) the dog was sterilised before the expiry of the licence; and
- (c) the licensee provides the evidence of the sterilisation in the form and manner specified by the Director-General,

the licence is converted to a perpetual licence with effect from —

- (d) where the dog was sterilised before 1 September 2020 and the licensee had, before that date, provided the evidence of the sterilisation in the form and manner specified by the Director-General — 1 September 2020; or
- (e) where the dog was sterilised whether before, on or after 1 September 2020 and the licensee provides, on or after that date, the evidence of the sterilisation in the form and manner specified by the Director-General — the date on which the licensee provides the evidence of the sterilisation.

(3) Where —

- (a) before, on or after 1 September 2020, a licence with a validity period of 3 years was issued in respect of an unsterilised dog;
- (b) the licence was transferred for the remaining validity period (whether or not the licence had previously been transferred to the transferor), and a licence issued to the transferee for the remaining validity period;

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- (c) as at the date of the application to transfer the licence from the transferor to the transferee, not more than 2 other dogs were kept at the premises at which the dog (the licence of which was to be transferred) was to be kept after the transfer;
 - (d) the dog (the licence of which was transferred) is sterilised before the expiry of the remaining validity period mentioned in sub-paragraph (b); and
 - (e) the transferee provides the evidence of the sterilisation in the form and manner specified by the Director-General,

the licence is converted to a perpetual licence with effect from —

- (f) where the dog was sterilised before 1 September 2020 and the transferee had, before that date, provided the evidence of the sterilisation in the form and manner specified by the Director-General — 1 September 2020; or
 - (g) where the dog was sterilised whether before, on or after 1 September 2020 and the transferee provides, on or after that date, the evidence of the sterilisation in the form and manner specified by the Director-General — the date on which the licensee provides the evidence of the sterilisation.
- (4) In this rule, “specified licence” means a licence that is —
- (a) issued with a validity period of 3 years for a dog before 1 September 2020; and
 - (b) in force as at that date.”.

Deletion and substitution of Part I of First Schedule

7. Part I of the First Schedule to the principal Rules is deleted and the following Part substituted therefor:

“PART I

LICENCE FEES FOR DOGS OTHER THAN
DOGS MENTIONED IN PARTS II AND III

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<i>Type of licence</i>	<i>Validity period of licence</i>	<i>Fees</i>
1. Licence issued under rule 4(2) for a dog that is — <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) not sterilised; (b) younger than 5 months of age; and (c) to be kept at any premises at which not more than 2 other dogs are kept. 	(i) 1 year	\$15
2. Licence issued under rule 4(2) or renewed under rule 4(6) for a dog that is — <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) not sterilised; (b) 5 months of age or older; and (c) to be kept at any premises at which not more than 2 other dogs are kept. 	(i) 1 year (ii) 2 years (iii) 3 years	\$90 \$165 \$230

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<i>Type of licence</i>	<i>Validity period of licence</i>	<i>Fees</i>
3. Licence issued under rule 4(2) or renewed under rule 4(6) for a dog that is —	(i) 1 year	\$15
(a) sterilised; and	(ii) 2 years	\$25
(b) to be kept at any premises at which not more than 2 other dogs are kept.	(iii) perpetual	\$35
4. Licence issued under rule 4(2) or renewed under rule 4(6) for a dog that is —	(i) 1 year	\$180
(a) not sterilised; and	(ii) 2 years	\$325
(b) to be kept at any premises at which 3 or more other dogs are kept, with the permission of the Director-General granted under rule 3(3).	(iii) 3 years	\$460
5. Licence issued under rule 4(2) or renewed under rule 4(6) for a dog that is —	(i) 1 year	\$180
(a) sterilised; and	(ii) 2 years	\$325
(b) to be kept at any premises at which 3 or more other dogs are kept, with the permission of the Director-General granted under rule 3(3).	(iii) perpetual	\$460

Saving and transitional provisions**8.—(1) Where —**

- (a) an application for a 3-year licence for a dog that is sterilised is made before 1 September 2020 under rule 4(1) of the principal Rules; and
- (b) the application is pending before the Director-General immediately before 1 September 2020,

the application is to be treated as an application for a perpetual licence mentioned in item 3 or 5 of Part I of the First Schedule of the principal Rules as in force on or after 1 September 2020, whichever is applicable.

(2) Where —

- (a) an application for the renewal of a licence for a dog that is sterilised is made before 1 September 2020 under rule 4(6) of the principal Rules;
- (b) the renewal is for a validity period of 3 years; and
- (c) the application is pending before the Director-General immediately before 1 September 2020,

the application is to be treated as an application for a perpetual licence mentioned in item 3 or 5 of Part I of the First Schedule of the principal Rules as in force on or after 1 September 2020, whichever is applicable.

(3) The licence fees specified in Part I of the First Schedule to the principal Rules as in force on or after 1 September 2020 apply to any application for the issue or renewal of a licence for a dog that is —

- (a) made under rule 4(1) or (6) of the principal Rules before 1 September 2020; and

(b) pending before the Director-General immediately before that date.

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