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EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTRES ACT 2017 (ACT 19 OF 2017)

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTRES (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2020

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 51 of the Early Childhood Development Centres Act 2017, the Minister for Social and Family Development makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations are the Early Childhood Development Centres (Amendment) Regulations 2020 and come into operation on 1 January 2021.

Amendment of regulation 30

2. Regulation 30 of the Early Childhood Development Centres Regulations 2018 (G.N. No. S 890/2018) (called in these Regulations the principal Regulations) is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “paragraph (3)” in paragraph (1) and substituting the words “paragraphs (3) and (3A)”;
- (b) by deleting the words “paragraph (3)” in paragraph (2) and substituting the words “paragraphs (3) and (3B)”;
- (c) by inserting, immediately after the word “requirements” in paragraph (3), the words “applicable to an individual who is to perform any duty at the licensee’s centre as a member of the licensee’s staff or provide any service at the licensee’s centre as an education service provider”;
- (d) by deleting the word “measles,” in paragraph (3)(c)(i);
- (e) by inserting the word “or” at the end of paragraph (3)(c)(ii);

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- (f) by deleting the word “; or” at the end of paragraph (3)(c)(iii) and substituting a full-stop;
 - (g) by deleting sub-paragraph (iv) of paragraph (3)(c);
 - (h) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (3), the following paragraphs:

“(3A) Subject to paragraph (3C) and for the purposes of paragraph (1), the following additional requirements apply to an individual who is to perform any duty at the licensee’s centre as a member of the licensee’s staff:

- (a) where the individual was not, immediately before 1 January 2021, a member of the licensee’s staff at the licensee’s centre — the individual has, before the individual starts to perform any duty at the centre at any time on or after 1 January 2021 —
 - (i) provided documentary evidence to the licensee that the individual has immunity against measles; or
 - (ii) subject to sub-paragraph (b), provided to the licensee a certificate issued by a registered medical practitioner stating that the individual has received one dose of measles vaccination;
- (b) for an individual mentioned in sub-paragraph (a)(ii), the individual has, before the individual continues to perform any duty at the licensee’s centre on or after the expiry of 12 months after the date the individual received the first dose of measles vaccination, provided to the licensee —
 - (i) a certificate issued by a registered medical practitioner stating that the

individual has received a second dose of measles vaccination; or

- (ii) any other documentary evidence that the individual has immunity against measles;
- (c) where the individual was, immediately before 1 January 2021, a member of the licensee's staff at the licensee's centre —
- (i) the individual has provided a declaration of measles immunity to the licensee;
 - (ii) the individual has, before the individual performs any duty relating to the conduct of infant class at the licensee's centre on or after 1 July 2021, provided documentary evidence to the licensee that the individual has immunity against measles; and
 - (iii) the individual has, before the individual performs any other duty at the licensee's centre on or after 1 January 2022, provided documentary evidence to the licensee that the individual has immunity against measles.

(3B) Subject to paragraph (3C) and for the purposes of paragraph (2), the additional requirement applicable to an individual who is to provide any service at the licensee's centre as an education service provider is that the individual has provided a declaration of measles immunity to the licensee.

(3C) Paragraphs (3A) and (3B) do not apply to any individual who was born in Singapore before 1 January 1975 and is a Singapore citizen or

permanent resident of Singapore as at the date the individual performs any duty at the licensee’s centre as a member of the licensee’s staff or provides any service at the licensee’s centre as an education service provider.”;

- (i) by deleting the words “all the requirements in paragraph (3)” in paragraph (4) and substituting the words “the applicable requirements in paragraphs (3), (3A) and (3B)”;
- (j) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (4), the following paragraphs:

“(5) For the purposes of paragraph (3A), documentary evidence that an individual has immunity against measles includes the following:

- (a) a certificate or other statement signed and issued by a registered medical practitioner or any other person on behalf of a healthcare licensee, the Government or the National University of Singapore stating that the individual has received 2 doses of measles vaccination;
- (b) a record of the notification mentioned in regulation 18 of the Infectious Diseases (Diphtheria and Measles Vaccination) Regulations (Cap. 137, Rg 3) stating that the individual has been vaccinated against measles;
- (c) a serological test result stating that the individual has immunity against measles;
- (d) a laboratory test result stating that the individual is infected by measles.
- (6) In this regulation —

“declaration of measles immunity” means a written declaration by an individual that —

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- (a) the individual has received vaccination against measles;
 - (b) the individual has previously been diagnosed by a registered medical practitioner as being infected by measles, and the individual has since recovered from measles; or
 - (c) the individual has taken a serological test and the serological test shows that the individual has immunity against measles;

“healthcare licensee” means a person who operates a medical clinic or private hospital licensed under section 6 of the Private Hospitals and Medical Clinics Act (Cap. 248).”.

Amendment of regulation 35

3. Regulation 35(2) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words “, and the written declaration mentioned in regulation 30(3)(c)” in sub-paragraph (j) and substituting the words “, the written declarations mentioned in regulation 30(3)(c) and (3A)(c)(i) or the documentary evidence or certificate mentioned in regulation 30(3A)”.

Amendment of regulation 36

4. Regulation 36(2) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words “declaration mentioned in regulation 30(3)(c)” in sub-paragraph (d) and substituting the words “declarations mentioned in regulation 30(3)(c) and (3B)”.

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