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COVID-19 (TEMPORARY MEASURES) ACT 2020 (ACT 14 OF 2020)

COVID-19 (TEMPORARY MEASURES) (CONTROL ORDER) (AMENDMENT NO. 4) REGULATIONS 2021

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 34(1) of the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020, the Minister for Health makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations are the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2021 and, except for regulations 5 and 13(2)(b), come into operation on 5 April 2021.

(2) Regulations 5 and 13(2)(b) come into operation on 12 April 2021.

Amendment of regulation 2

2. Regulation 2(1) of the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) Regulations 2020 (G.N. No. S 254/2020) (called in these Regulations the principal Regulations) is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “13F(2) or (3)” in paragraph (e) of the definition of “maximum permissible group size” and substituting the words “13F(2), (3) or (3A)”; and
- (b) by deleting the full-stop at the end of the definition of “wedding special cohort” and substituting a semi-colon, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following definition:

““wind musical instrument” includes a brass musical instrument.”.

Amendment of regulation 3A**3. Regulation 3A(2) of the principal Regulations is amended —**

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the words “same place of residence” in sub-paragraph (c), the words “, or when riding a motorcycle (whether or not in the course of employment)”;
- (b) by deleting the words “or when riding a motorcycle in the course of employment or otherwise” in sub-paragraph (d) and substituting the words “but only to the extent and in the circumstances authorised by these Regulations or the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Performances and Other Activities — Control Order) Regulations 2020 (G.N. No. S 927/2020) to not wear a mask where the extent or circumstances are expressly provided by these or those Regulations”;
- (c) by deleting the word “or” at the end of sub-paragraph (e);
and
- (d) by deleting sub-paragraph (f) and substituting the following sub-paragraphs:
 - “(f) when the individual or child is undergoing dental or medical care or treatment to the extent that such care or treatment requires that no mask be worn;
 - (g) when the individual or child is receiving an authorised service from a permitted enterprise which is operating in accordance with these Regulations, but only —
 - (i) to the extent that it is otherwise not reasonably practicable to receive that service wearing a mask; and
 - (ii) within the limit these Regulations expressly place on unmasked

individuals connected with that authorised service provided; or

Examples

An individual when undergoing a personal appearance service (except hairdressing).

An individual when taking singing lessons from a permitted enterprise to which Part 5 of the First Schedule applies unless there are 5 other individuals already unmasked in the same classroom attended by the individual.

An individual when having his or her photo taken by a professional photographer.

- (h) when the individual or child is otherwise authorised by regulation 3B or the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Performances and Other Activities — Control Order) Regulations 2020 to not wear a mask.”.

Amendment of regulation 3B

4. Regulation 3B of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting the word “or” at the end of paragraph (c); and
 (b) by deleting paragraph (d) and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(d) if the individual is —

- (i) any of the parties being married during a solemnization of their marriage; or
 (ii) any of the parties being married or a party to a marriage during a wedding held in connection with the celebration of their marriage; or

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- (e) if the individual is —
- (i) a performer in a live performance; or
 - (ii) an interviewee at a media conference,
- but only to the extent and in the circumstances authorised by these Regulations or the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Performances and Other Activities — Control Order) Regulations 2020 where the extent or circumstances are expressly provided by these or those Regulations.”.

Amendment of regulation 8

5. Regulation 8 of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph (1), the following paragraph:

“(2) An organiser of a wedding taking place in any room or place must take (or cause to be taken) all reasonably practicable steps to ensure that any food or drinks (or both) for consumption at the wedding are not provided by way of a buffet.”.

Amendment of regulation 10B

6. Regulation 10B of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph (1), the following paragraph:

“(2) Where a permitted enterprise is a sole proprietor or a partnership, a corporation or an unincorporated association other than a partnership, paragraph (1)(i), (ia), (j), (k) and (m) applies, with the necessary modifications, to each of the following individuals when at work in the permitted premises as if he or she were a permitted enterprise worker of the permitted enterprise:

- (a) the sole proprietor and every partner of the partnership, whether or not he or she is also a visitor;
- (b) every director, partner, chief executive, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the corporation,

whether or not he or she is also a visitor or permitted enterprise worker;

- (c) every president, the secretary, or any member of the committee of the unincorporated association, whether or not he or she is also a visitor or permitted enterprise worker.”.

Amendment of regulation 13

7. Regulation 13(3) of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting, immediately after the definition of “operator”, the following definition:

““permitted enterprise worker”, without limiting regulation 2(1), includes —

- (a) the sole proprietor and every partner of a partnership that is a permitted enterprise, whether or not he or she is also a visitor;
- (b) every director, partner, chief executive, manager, secretary and other similar officer of a corporation that is a permitted enterprise, whether or not he or she is also a visitor or is otherwise a permitted enterprise worker; or
- (c) every president, secretary, and member of the committee of an unincorporated association that is a permitted enterprise, whether or not he or she is also a visitor or is otherwise a permitted enterprise worker;”.

Amendment of regulation 13D

8. Regulation 13D of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting “50%” in paragraph (2) and substituting “75%”;
- (b) by deleting paragraph (3) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(3) In calculating for the purposes of paragraph (2) the number of relevant permitted enterprise workers of a permitted enterprise which is a sole proprietor or a partnership of individuals, the individual who is the sole proprietor or every partner (as the case may be) must be counted as if he or she is a permitted enterprise worker.”; and

- (c) by deleting the definitions of “hours of work”, “initial period”, “normal working hours” and “week” in paragraph (4).

Amendment of regulation 13E

9. Regulation 13E of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “minimise physical interaction between the workers in the different groups when at work or during their permitted breaks at work” in paragraph (1)(a) and substituting the words “comply with regulation 13DA”;
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the words “within the permitted premises” in paragraph (1)(aa), the words “to the extent not allowed under regulation 13F(3A)”;
- (c) by deleting the words “or (e)” in paragraph (1)(ab) and substituting the words “, (e) or (h)”;
- (d) by deleting the words “which is not a workspace” in paragraph (1)(da);
- (e) by inserting, immediately after the words “identified to the permitted enterprise” in paragraph (1)(k)(iii), the words “which may include more stringent requirements than in these Regulations”; and
- (f) by deleting paragraph (3).

Amendment of regulation 13F

10. Regulation 13F of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “and (3)” in paragraphs (1), (4) and (5) and substituting in each case the words “, (3) and (3A)”;
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the words “sponsored by the permitted enterprise” in the “*Examples of impermissible gatherings*” in paragraph (1), the words “, attended by more than 8 individuals”; and
- (c) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (3), the following paragraph:

“(3A) Paragraph (1) does not apply to or in relation to an event involving an organised gathering in person —

- (a) for an occasion or a purpose that is substantially recreational or social in character attended by some permitted enterprise workers of a permitted enterprise;
- (b) that takes place in any room or place that is not a specified dormitory or within a specified dormitory; and
- (c) at which there is present at any time not more than 8 individuals, not counting individuals who are present as relevant service staff for the event.”.

Amendment of regulation 13H

11. Regulation 13H of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph (1), the following paragraph:

“(1A) Where a permitted enterprise is a partnership or an unincorporated association (other than a partnership), any reference in paragraph (1) —

- (a) to a permitted enterprise worker includes a reference (as the case may be) to —

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- (i) a partner of the partnership; or
 - (ii) the president, secretary or any member of the committee of the unincorporated association; and
- (b) to the permitted enterprise of a permitted enterprise worker includes a reference (as the case may be) to —
- (i) any other partner of the partnership; or
 - (ii) any other member of the committee of the unincorporated association.”.

New regulation 13L

12. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting, immediately after regulation 13K in Part 3A, the following regulation:

“Application to sole proprietors, partners, etc.

13L. Where a permitted enterprise is a sole proprietor or a partnership, a corporation or an unincorporated association (other than a partnership), this Division (except regulations 13D, 13H, 13I and 13J) and the Second Schedule apply, with the necessary modifications, to each of the following individuals when at work, whether or not in the permitted premises of the permitted enterprise, as if he or she were a permitted enterprise worker of the permitted enterprise:

- (a) the sole proprietor and every partner of the partnership, whether or not he or she is also a visitor;
- (b) every director, partner, chief executive, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the corporation, whether or not he or she is also a visitor or permitted enterprise worker;
- (c) the president, the secretary, or any member of the committee of the unincorporated association, whether or not he or she is also a visitor or permitted enterprise worker.”.

Amendment of First Schedule

13.—(1) Part 2 of the First Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by inserting the word “and” at the end of paragraph 15(a)(ii);
- (b) by deleting the word “; and” at the end of paragraph 15(a)(iii) and substituting a comma; and
- (c) by deleting sub-paragraph (iv) of paragraph 15(a).

(2) Part 3 of the First Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended by deleting paragraph 4 and substituting the following paragraph:

“4. The permitted enterprise must not provide on its permitted premises that is a retail food and drinks establishment any food or drinks (or both) for consumption —

- (a) by way of a buffet when those premises are used for a wedding connected with the celebration of a marriage; and
- (b) by way of a self-service buffet on any other occasion.”.

(3) Part 5 of the First Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended —

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

“(1) Despite paragraph 1, a permitted enterprise that carries on an education business providing, in the course of any business, lessons or coaching in any of the following, whether alone or in combination with any other activities:

- (a) singing;
- (b) voice training or speech and drama;
- (c) playing of any wind musical instrument;
- (d) a combination of the activities in sub-paragraph (a), (b) or (c),

must take (or cause to be taken) all reasonably practicable steps to ensure that for every class for its customers taking such lessons or coaching in any room or place in its permitted premises, there are present (whether or not as a student, teacher,

supervisor or an instructor of the class) in the room or place not more than the lower of the following number of individuals:

- (e) 30 individuals;
- (f) the maximum number of individuals which the room or place may accommodate if regulations 10B(1)(k) and 12 are complied with.

(1A) A permitted enterprise that carries on an education business providing, in the course of any business, lessons or coaching which involve any of the following, whether alone or in combination with any other activities:

- (a) voice training or speech and drama;
- (b) playing of any wind musical instrument;
- (c) a combination of the activities in sub-paragraph (a) or (b),

must take (or cause to be taken) all reasonably practicable steps to ensure that for every class for its customers taking such lessons or coaching in any room or place in its permitted premises, there are present (whether or not as a student, teacher, supervisor or an instructor of the class) in the room or place throughout the conduct of the class not more than the same 10 individuals who do not wear a mask.

(1B) In addition to sub-paragraph (1A), where a permitted enterprise carries on an education business providing, in the course of any business, lessons or coaching which involve singing (whether alone or in combination with any other activities), the permitted enterprise must also take (or cause to be taken) all reasonably practicable steps to ensure that for every class for its customers taking such lessons or coaching in any room or place in its permitted premises, there are present (whether or not as a student, teacher, supervisor or an instructor of the class) in the room or place throughout the conduct of the class not more than the same 5 individuals who do not wear a mask because they are singing.

Illustration

In a classroom of 26 students for jazz singing lessons with an instructor and accompanists on keyboard, guitar and saxophone, it is permissible for up to 10 fixed individuals in the classroom to not wear a mask. Among that 10, there must not be more than 5 fixed individuals singing.”;

(b) by deleting the words “wind or brass” in paragraph 2(2) and substituting the word “wind”;

(c) by deleting sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph 2(2) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:

“(a) that every individual who is present in a room or place in its permitted premises in connection with those lessons or that coaching or instruction, maintains the following distance from any other individual in that room or place, as follows:

(i) at least one metre when wearing a mask;

(ii) at least 2 metres when not wearing a mask;”;
and

(d) by inserting, immediately after the words “Sub-paragraphs (1)” in paragraph 2(3), “, (1A), (1B)”.

(4) Part 7 of the First Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words “no customer, visitor or permitted enterprise worker provides any hostessing services” in paragraph 4 and substituting the words “no hostessing services are provided or allowed to be provided”.

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