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CHILD CARE CENTRES ACT
(CHAPTER 37A)

CHILD CARE CENTRES
(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2012

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 19 of the Child Care Centres Act, Mr Chan Chun Sing, Senior Minister of State, charged with the responsibility of the Minister for Social and Family Development, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Child Care Centres (Amendment) Regulations 2012 and shall come into operation on 2nd January 2013.

Deletion and substitution of regulation 4

2. Regulation 4 of the Child Care Centres Regulations (Rg 1) (referred to in these Regulations as the principal Regulations) is deleted and the following regulation substituted therefor:

“Fees for licence

4. An applicant applying for a licence shall pay the following fees:

- (a) in the case where the applicant requires his application to be processed within 7 days, a sum comprising —
 - (i) a licence fee of \$264 for a period of 24 months or part thereof; and
 - (ii) an expedited application fee of \$264; and
- (b) in any other case, a licence fee of \$264 for a period of 24 months or part thereof.”

Amendment of regulation 15

3. Regulation 15(1) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words “known cause” in sub-paragraph (b) and substituting the words “known case”.

Amendment of regulation 24

4. Regulation 24 of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting paragraph (3) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(3) No licensee shall employ any person as a member of the programme staff unless that person has furnished a declaration to the licensee stating —

- (a) that he has not previously been convicted of any offence specified in regulation 26; and
- (b) whether he had previously received any letter of warning from the Director under regulation 17(2) or 25(10).”.

Amendment of regulation 25

5. Regulation 25 of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting the word “and” at the end of paragraph (3)(a);
- (b) by deleting sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (3) and substituting the following sub-paragraphs:
 - “(b) 1:20 in respect of all children who are enrolled in any Kindergarten 1 class; and
 - (c) 1:25 in respect of all children who are enrolled in any Kindergarten 2 class.”;
- (c) by deleting sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (4) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:

“(b) where a child care teacher is assisted by one or more para-educators, the ratio of child care teachers to children enrolled in a licensee’s child care centre must not be less than —

- (i) 1:25 in respect of all children who are enrolled in any Kindergarten 1 class

conducted at the licensee's child care centre; and

- (ii) 1:30 in respect of all children who are enrolled in any Kindergarten 2 class conducted at the licensee's child care centre.”;

(d) by inserting, immediately after the words “The licensee” in paragraph (9), the words “and any staff referred to in paragraph (8)”;

(e) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (9), the following paragraph:

“(10) Where the licensee or any member of the staff of a child care centre fails to comply with paragraph (9) by leaving any child alone in the child care centre without staff supervision, the Director may issue a letter to the licensee or member of the staff of the child care centre, or both, warning them against future failure to comply with paragraph (9).”.

Amendment of regulation 40

6. Regulation 40 of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting paragraph (2) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(2) The licensee of a child care centre may change any fee or deposit referred to in paragraph (1) for any year if notice of such change has been given in writing to the Director and parent or guardian of every child attending the child care centre not later than 1st October of the preceding year.”.

Made this 20th day of December 2012.

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