

FIRE SAFETY ACT
(CHAPTER 109A, SECTION 61(1))

FIRE SAFETY (FIRE SAFETY MANAGERS) REGULATIONS

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PART I
PRELIMINARY

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Fire Safety (Fire Safety Managers) Regulations.

Definitions

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

“Arson Prevention Plan” and “Emergency Response Plan” have the same meanings, respectively, as in regulation 2 of the Fire Safety (Emergency Response Plan) Regulations (Rg 4);

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“Fire Command Centre” means a room within any premises which is specifically designated for the purpose of command and control of operations in the event of fire or other related emergencies and fitted with the necessary equipment;

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“Fire Safety Committee” means the Fire Safety Committee formed under regulation 3(c) of the Fire Safety (Emergency Response Plan) Regulations (Rg 4);

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“fire safety guidebook” includes brochures, leaflets and any document containing information on fire safety measures and the correct procedures to be adopted in the event of fire;

“occupant load”, in relation to a building, means the total number of persons that may occupy a building;

“Programme” means the Continuing Professional Development Programme;

“specified premises” means any premises or class of premises which has been specified by the Minister under section 22(1) of the Act;

“Table-Top Exercises” means the planning exercises conducted by the Fire Safety Committee on the possible emergency scenarios which may occur in —

(a) the premises which are the subject of an Arson Prevention Plan; or

(b) the premises or class of premises designated by the Minister under section 21(1) of the Act which are the subject of an Emergency Response Plan;

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“training cycle” means a period of 3 years commencing on 1st January 2008 (referred to hereinafter as the first training cycle) and each consecutive 3-year period after the first training cycle.

PART II

DUTIES OF OWNER OR OCCUPIER OF SPECIFIED PREMISES

Duties of owner or occupier of specified premises

3. The owner or occupier of specified premises shall —

(a) within 90 days from the time the premises are specified or fall within the class of premises specified by the Minister under section 22(1) of the Act, appoint a fire safety manager for the premises;

(b) provide the fire safety manager appointed by him with such facilities, equipment and information as are necessary to

enable the fire safety manager to discharge his duties effectively and efficiently;

- (c) permit the fire safety manager to attend such courses of instruction and receive such training relating to the work of the fire safety manager as may be required by the Commissioner;
- (d) reimburse the fire safety manager for all expenses incurred by him in attending such courses or training;
- (e) not make any deduction from the remuneration of the fire safety manager for being absent from work for the purposes of attending such courses or training;
- (f) within 14 days of the termination of appointment of his fire safety manager appoint another person to be his fire safety manager; and
- (g) within 14 days of the appointment or termination of appointment of any fire safety manager notify the Commissioner in writing of such fact.

Submission of report to Commissioner

4. The Commissioner may at any time by notice in writing require the owner or occupier of any specified premises to forward 2 copies of the fire safety report submitted by his fire safety manager under regulation 8(1) to him.

Owner or occupier to ensure compliance by fire safety manager

5. It shall be the duty of the owner or occupier of any specified premises to ensure that the fire safety manager appointed under regulation 3(a) and any person appointed to act as fire safety manager under regulation 6 carry out the duties prescribed for fire safety managers under regulations 7 and 8.

Duty of occupier or owner to appoint another person to act in absence of fire safety manager

6. If the fire safety manager is unable to perform his duties under the Act or these Regulations, it shall be the duty of the owner or

occupier of the specified premises to appoint another person to act as the fire safety manager in his absence.

PART III
DUTIES OF
FIRE SAFETY MANAGERS

General duties of fire safety manager

7. It shall be the duty of a fire safety manager to assist the owner or occupier of any specified premises to —

- (a) ensure at all times that fire safety requirements contained in the Emergency Response Plan are complied with;

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- (b) supervise the maintenance of all fire safety works in the premises;

- (c) ensure at all times that the occupant load of any part of any building does not exceed the capacity prescribed under the Fire Code;

- (d) conduct daily checks within the premises and remove or cause to be removed any fire hazard that is found within the premises;

- (e) prepare and execute the Emergency Response Plan for the premises and distribute the Emergency Response Plan to the occupants of the premises;

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- (ea) conduct fire drills and emergency exercises for the occupants of the premises annually or on such occasion as may be directed by the Commissioner;

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- (f) ensure that all occupants are familiar with the means of escape located within the premises;

- (g) prepare fire safety guidebooks for the occupants of the premises;

(ga) train, co-ordinate and supervise the Company Emergency Response Team for the premises in first-aid, fire-fighting and evacuation in the event of fire or other related emergencies;

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(h) train the occupants in the premises in first aid, fire fighting and evacuation in the event of fire or other related emergencies;

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(i) co-ordinate and supervise the occupants within the premises in fire fighting and in evacuation in the event of fire or other related emergencies;

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(j) supervise the operation of the Fire Command Centre in the event of fire or other related emergencies;

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(k) conduct at least 2 Table-Top Exercises within the premises each year and to evaluate, together with the Fire Safety Committee, the effectiveness of the Arson Prevention Plan and the Emergency Response Plan for those premises;

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(l) prepare and implement the Arson Prevention Plan for the premises;

(m) notify the Commissioner immediately upon the occurrence of any fire incident in the premises;

(n) organise campaigns, training courses, competitions, contests and other activities which will develop and maintain the interest of the occupants within the premises in establishing a fire safe environment; and

(o) carry out such other duties as the Commissioner may require.

Fire safety report

8.—(1) Every fire safety manager shall in the month of December of each year prepare and submit to the owner or occupier of the specified premises by whom he is appointed a report in such form as the Commissioner may require.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (1), the report referred to in paragraph (1) shall contain the following particulars:

- (a) the measures, if any, taken by him to train the occupants in fire fighting skills and to maintain their interest in establishing a fire safe environment within the last 12 months and the particulars of the activities which were conducted for the occupants for the last 12 months;
- (b) his recommendations on how the structure and the layout of the specified premises with regard to the fire safety of its occupants could be improved;
- (c) the number of fire evacuation drills conducted within the specified premises over the last 12 months and the effectiveness of such drills;
- (d) the measures, if any, taken to ensure the fire safety of the persons within the specified premises;
- (e) a list of activities relating to fire safety scheduled for the next 12 months;
- (f) the number of Table-Top Exercises conducted within the premises over the preceding 12 months and the effectiveness of the Arson Prevention Plan and the Emergency Response Plan for those premises;
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- (g) the status of the implementation of the Arson Prevention Plan for those premises;
- (h) any matter arising from the previous report; and
- (i) such other information as the Commissioner may require.

(3) The owner or occupier of the specified premises to whom the report is submitted under paragraph (1) shall, not later than one month

after the receipt of the fire safety report, discuss the report with the fire safety manager and take such action or measures as the owner or occupier thinks fit.

PART IV

QUALIFICATIONS OF FIRE SAFETY MANAGERS

Appointment of fire safety managers

9. The owner or occupier of any specified premises shall not appoint a person as a fire safety manager for his premises unless the person produces evidence that the person has been certified by the Commissioner under regulation 10.

Certification of fire safety managers by Commissioner

10.—(1) No person shall carry out any duty of a fire safety manager unless he is certified as a fire safety manager by the Commissioner.

(2) Any certification as a fire safety manager shall only be valid for the duration of such training cycle as may be specified in the certification.

(3) An application to be certified as a fire safety manager shall be made to the Commissioner —

- (a) in the case of a first application, at any time during a training cycle; and
- (b) in any other case, within 30 days before the end of any preceding training cycle,

except that the Commissioner may, in exceptional circumstances, allow such an application to be made after the applicant's last certification as a fire safety manager has expired.

(4) An application under paragraph (3) shall be —

- (a) in such form and manner as the Commissioner may determine; and

(b) accompanied by such documentary evidence of the applicant's qualifications or experience as a fire safety manager as the Commissioner may require.

(5) The Commissioner may, with or without conditions, certify a person as a fire safety manager upon an application under paragraph (3) if that person —

(a) holds such qualification in fire safety which in the opinion of the Commissioner is adequate to enable him to carry out his duties as a fire safety manager; and

(b) is, in the opinion of the Commissioner, a fit and proper person to be appointed as a fire safety manager.

(6) Subject to paragraph (7), a certified fire safety manager may not continue to be certified as a fire safety manager for any subsequent training cycle unless he has, during the training cycle immediately preceding, obtained the requisite minimum number of points as may be determined by the Commissioner under regulation 11(1).

(7) The Commissioner may, upon application by a fire safety manager who has failed to accumulate the requisite minimum number of points as required by paragraph (6), certify him as a fire safety manager for the next training cycle if he gives an undertaking that he will make up for the shortfall in the requisite minimum number of points within such time in that training cycle as the Commissioner may specify.

(8) The Commissioner may revoke the certification of any person who fails to make up for the shortfall in the requisite minimum number of points within such time as may be specified by the Commissioner under paragraph (7).

(9) Any such number of points obtained by the person under paragraph (7) to make up a shortfall in one training cycle shall be disregarded for the purposes of computing the requisite minimum number of points which he is required to obtain under paragraph (6) for certification as a fire safety manager for the next training cycle.

(10) Notwithstanding paragraphs (6) and (7), the Commissioner may, in such special circumstances as he may determine, certify a person to act as a fire safety manager even though the person has

failed to obtain the requisite minimum number of points as required by paragraph (6).

Continuing Professional Development Programme

11.—(1) A fire safety manager who is certified under regulation 10 shall be required to participate in the Programme and obtain such requisite minimum number of points during each training cycle as the Commissioner may determine.

(2) The Programme shall consist of such courses as are approved by the Commissioner.

(3) The Commissioner shall specify the number of points which a fire safety manager can earn for successfully completing any approved course.

(4) The Commissioner may, on application by any fire safety manager, approve any other course to be included in the Programme.

(5) Where —

(a) a person is certified as a fire safety manager for any training cycle for the first time; and

(b) he applies under regulation 10(3)(b) to continue to be certified as a fire safety manager for the next training cycle immediately following that training cycle,

then for the purpose of computing the requisite minimum number of points that he has to obtain during the training cycle for which he is first certified, the Commissioner may compute, on a pro-rata basis, the requisite minimum number of points having regard to the date the person is first certified.

(6) The Commissioner may —

(a) permit points to be earned for any approved course published in an approved website which a fire safety manager has successfully attended between 1st June 2007 and 31st December 2007; and

(b) permit the points earned in sub-paragraph (a) to be included for the purposes of computing the requisite

minimum number of points a person has to obtain for the first training cycle.

Training courses for fire safety manager

12.—(1) The Commissioner may require a fire safety manager appointed under these Regulations to attend such courses of instruction or receive such training relevant to the work of a fire safety manager as the Commissioner may determine.

(2) This regulation shall not apply to any person appointed to act in the absence of a fire safety manager under regulation 6.

Person not to be appointed or act as fire safety manager for more than one building

13. Except with the prior approval of the Commissioner in writing, no person shall be appointed or act as a fire safety manager for more than one building.

Power to remove fire safety managers

14. The Commissioner may by order direct that any person who, in his opinion, is no longer fit to act as a fire safety manager to cease to act as fire safety manager under these Regulations and may require the owner or occupier of the specified premises to appoint another person as his fire safety manager.

Penalty

15. Any person who contravenes any provision of these Regulations shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY
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1. G.N. No. S 167/1994 — Fire Safety (Fire Safety Managers) Regulations 1994

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5. 2008 Revised Edition — Fire Safety (Fire Safety Managers) Regulations

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