

INTOXICATING SUBSTANCES ACT  
(CHAPTER 146A, SECTION 28)

INTOXICATING SUBSTANCES (BOARD OF VISITORS FOR  
APPROVED CENTRES) REGULATIONS

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**Citation**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Intoxicating Substances (Board of Visitors for Approved Centres) Regulations.

**Definitions**

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —
- “board” means the board of visitors appointed by the Minister under regulation 3;
- “officer-in-charge” means a person appointed under section 18A(2) of the Act to be the officer-in-charge of an approved centre.

**Appointment of board of visitors**

3.—(1) The Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint a board of visitors to advise and make recommendations to the officer-

in-charge of an approved centre in respect of the matters referred to in regulation 9 at the approved centre.

(2) A board may be appointed for one or more approved centres as the Minister thinks fit.

### **Number of board members**

4.—(1) The number of members of the board shall be at the discretion of the Minister.

(2) The Minister may at any time revoke the appointment of any member of the board.

### **Term of office**

5. A member of the board shall —

(a) hold office for a period of not more than 3 years from the date of his appointment; and

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(b) be eligible for reappointment on completion of that period unless the member resigns during his period of office or unless his appointment is revoked by the Minister under regulation 4(2).

### **Termination of office**

6. A person appointed as a member of the board shall cease to hold such appointment —

(a) on his death or resignation;

(b) if he is absent from Singapore for more than 3 months without the prior permission of the Minister; or

(c) if the Minister revokes such appointment under regulation 4(2).

### **Vacancy**

7. A vacancy occurring in the board shall be filled by a fresh appointment made by the Minister, and the person appointed to fill

such vacancy shall hold office for so long as the member in whose place he is appointed would have held office.

### **Assistance from officer-in-charge**

**8.** Every officer-in-charge shall assist any member of the board in the exercise of his powers and the discharge of his functions under these Regulations.

### **Duties of board members**

**9.**—(1) Members of the board shall satisfy themselves that the health, maintenance, recreation and discipline of the inmates are satisfactory and that an efficient standard is maintained throughout each approved centre, but shall not be concerned with the general administration of the approved centres.

(2) Members of the board shall on every visit hear any complaint which any inmate may wish to make to them.

(3) Members of the board shall send their comments and recommendations regarding an approved centre to the officer-in-charge thereof.

(4) The officer-in-charge shall take such action as may be necessary on any recommendations made under paragraph (3) and report to the board on any action taken as soon as possible.

### **Visits by board members**

**10.** Not fewer than 2 members of the board shall visit each approved centre in respect of which they are appointed at least once a month.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY  
INTOXICATING SUBSTANCES (BOARD OF VISITORS FOR  
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This Legislative History is provided for the convenience of users of the Intoxicating Substances (Board of Visitors for Approved Centres) Regulations. It is not part of these Regulations.

**1. G. N. No. S 317/1987 — Intoxicating Substances (Board of Visitors for Approved Centres) Regulations 1987**

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**2. 1987 Revised Edition — Intoxicating Substances (Board of Visitors for Approved Centres) Regulations**

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**3. 1999 Revised Edition — Intoxicating Substances (Board of Visitors for Approved Centres) Regulations**

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