

# THE TERRITORY FOR THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.

## Regulations under the Public Health Ordinance 1928-1930.

I, FRANK ANSTEY, Minister of State for Health, acting for and on behalf of the Minister of State for Home Affairs, in pursuance of the powers conferred by the *Seat of Government (Administration) Ordinance 1930*, and the *Public Health Ordinance 1928-1930*, hereby make the following Regulations to come into operation forthwith.

Dated this second day of March, 1931.

FRANK ANSTEY

for Minister of State for Home Affairs.

### PUBLIC HEALTH (BOARDING-HOUSES) REGULATIONS.

#### PART I.—PRELIMINARY.

- Short title. 1. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Health (Boarding-houses) Regulations.
- Parts. 2. These Regulations are divided into Parts, as follows:—  
Part I.—Preliminary.  
Part II.—Registration.  
Part III.—Construction and Maintenance.  
Part IV.—Miscellaneous.
- Definitions. 3.—(1.) In these Regulations, unless the contrary intention appears—  
“Approved” means approved by the Director-General;  
“Boarding-house” means and includes any house, lodging-house, hostel, residential flat, tent, building, structure, whether permanent or otherwise, or any other premises, and any part thereof, in which three or more persons, exclusive of the family of the proprietors thereof, are lodged or boarded for hire or reward from week to week or for more than a week;  
“Boarder” includes lodger or paying guest, and every person who is a resident, either temporarily or permanently, on the premises of a boarding-house;  
“Proprietor” means the proprietor of a boarding-house, and includes the owner, occupier or any person having the management or control thereof;  
“Registered” means registered under these Regulations;  
“Room” includes a “sleep-out” verandah; and  
“the Minister” means the Minister of State for Health.  
(2.) Any reference to a form shall be read as a reference to a form in the Schedule to these Regulations.

#### PART II.—REGISTRATION.

- Boarding-house to be registered. 4. A person shall not, unless duly registered, act as the proprietor of a boarding-house.
- Registration. 5.—(1.) Every person desiring to be registered as the proprietor of a boarding-house shall lodge an application in accordance with Form A and forward therewith an application fee of Ten shillings.  
(2.) The Director-General may, in his discretion, register any such person as the proprietor of a boarding-house.  
(3.) Upon the granting of the application, the Director-General shall supply the proprietor with a certificate of registration in accordance with Form B.  
(4.) Subject to these Regulations, every such certificate shall operate only during the calendar year in which it is issued.  
(5.) Every such person shall annually in the first week of January apply for the renewal of registration and pay a renewal fee therefor of Ten shillings.  
(6.) The Minister may at any time during the currency of any such certificate cancel such registration.

PART III.—CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE.

6. A person shall not be registered as the proprietor of a boarding-house unless— Constructional provisions.

- (a) the external walls and roof of the boarding-house are weatherproof and watertight;
- (b) every internal wall is complete from the floor to ceiling;
- (c) every passage is at least four feet in width;
- (d) every main stairway is at least three feet six inches in width, and—
  - (i) the risers thereof do not exceed six and one-half inches in height; and
  - (ii) the treads thereof are not less than ten inches in width;
- (e) every stairway is provided with handrails two feet eight inches above the nosing of the heads on both sides thereof;
- (f) separate sanitary conveniences are, where the Director-General so directs, provided for persons of opposite sex, and so situated and screened as to ensure proper privacy;
- (g) every such sanitary convenience is, during the hours of darkness, sufficiently lighted by artificial light;
- (h) approved ablutionary conveniences are provided; and
- (i) the inner surfaces of all walls are so constructed that they may, without sustaining injury, be washed.

7.—(1.) Every room intended for use as a sleeping apartment for boarders shall bear a distinguishing number. Sleeping apartments to be numbered.

(2.) The proprietor shall cause a distinguishing number to be conspicuously printed in figures two inches in height on each side of the door of every such room.

8.—(1.) The proprietor shall not suffer or permit—

- (a) more than two boarders above the age of seven years to occupy one bedroom unless the room has a cubic space of at least 1,000 cubic feet; Number of occupants of sleeping apartments.
- (b) more than three persons above the age of seven years to occupy a bedroom the cubic space of which is less than 1,500 cubic feet;
- (c) any boarder above the age of seven years to occupy a bedroom in company with one or more persons of the opposite sex; or
- (d) any member of his family to occupy a bedroom already used as such by more than one boarder.

(2.) The Director-General may from time to time vary the number of boarders to be received into any room used as a sleeping apartment.

(3.) Where the Director-General varies the number of boarders to be received into any such room, he shall cause a notice of the variation to be served on the proprietor.

9. The proprietor of a boarding-house shall not permit any room to be used as a sleeping apartment for boarders other than a room specified as a bedroom on Form B. Sleeping apartment to be specified.

10. Except with the consent of the Director-General, a proprietor shall not make any structural alterations to any room used as a sleeping apartment for boarders. Alterations to sleeping apartments.

11. Any room which is situated in a basement, or below the level of the ground, or used as a kitchen, dining, general sitting room, bath-room, or laundry or which is not lighted by windows having an area of not less than one square foot of glass to each ten square feet of floor area shall not be registered as a sleeping apartment for boarders. Basement room, kitchen, &c., not to be used as sleeping apartment.

12.—(1.) A room shall not be used as a sleeping apartment for boarders unless such room is sufficiently ventilated. Ventilation of sleeping apartment.

(2.) The proprietor shall maintain all approved means of ventilation in good order and efficient action.

13. The proprietor shall—

- (a) maintain the boarding-house in accordance with the Regulations under the *Building and Services Ordinance 1924*; and
- (b) cause all ventilators, windows and sky-lights to be kept free from obstruction. General maintenance.

Restriction on  
use of  
verandahs, &c.

14. The proprietor shall not suffer or permit—

- (a) any verandah, balcony, balconette, portico or stair landing to be used as a kitchen or for cooking purposes; or
- (b) any verandah, balcony, balconette or portico to be enclosed or used so as permanently to interfere (directly or indirectly) with the lighting or ventilation of the premises.

Prohibition of  
certain linings.

15. Any premises wherein any wall or ceiling is lined with hessian or with hessian or paper, or any similar material, unless such hessian or paper is close adherent to solid boarding, or other approved material, shall not be used as a boarding-house.

Duties of  
proprietor.

16. The proprietor shall—

- (a) not suffer or permit spaces under sinks and baths to be boxed in or otherwise enclosed;
- (b) provide a properly equipped kitchen and scullery approved by an authorized officer;
- (c) provide a suitable larder or larders of sufficient capacity for the storage of food, satisfactorily constructed, lighted and ventilated, and so situated as not to be in direct communication with any living room, bedroom, bathroom, laundry, wash-house, or sanitary convenience, or under a stairway, and cause the larder or larders at all times to be maintained in a clean and wholesome condition, free from flies, vermin or dust and protected from the admission of steam fumes, offensive or unwholesome vapours and gases;
- (d) not suffer or permit any unsound, stale or mouldy articles of food, or offensive substances to be placed or kept in the larder or larders;
- (e) cause all drainage from the premises to be disposed of in such manner as not to be a nuisance, dangerous to health or offensive;
- (f) cause the roofs, skylights, rain-water spouting and down pipes to be kept in good repair and condition so that the rain-water shall not enter or lodge under the building;
- (g) cause all sinks, gullies and grease traps to be kept at all times in a sanitary condition; and
- (h) cause the premises and every ice-chest, safe or locker and all appliances or articles used in the preparation of food to be kept at all times, to the satisfaction of the Director-General, in a clean and sanitary condition, and in a proper state of repair.

#### PART IV.—MISCELLANEOUS.

Duty of  
proprietor in  
cases of  
infectious  
disease.

17.—(1.) The proprietor shall, as soon as it comes to his knowledge that any person on the premises is suffering or is suspected to be suffering from an infectious disease, immediately notify the Medical Officer of Health of the circumstance and shall at once isolate such person, and prevent all bedding, linen, blankets, crockery, cutlery or other articles used by such person from coming in contact with similar articles used by other inmates of the boarding-house.

(2.) The proprietor shall comply with every direction of the Medical Officer of Health, or an authorized officer, in respect of—

- (a) the isolation or removal of any person suffering or suspected to be suffering from an infectious disease;
- (b) cleansing and disinfection of the boarding-house, or of any bedding, linen, blankets, crockery, cutlery or other articles used by such person; and
- (c) any measures necessary for the prevention or eradication of any infection of the boarding-house or amongst the inmates thereof.

Penalties for  
offences.

18. Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of or direction under these Regulations shall be guilty of an offence against these Regulations, and shall be liable, upon conviction, to a penalty not exceeding Twenty pounds; and, where the offence is a continuing offence, a penalty not exceeding Five pounds for every day during which the offence continues; but so that the total of such penalties shall not exceed One hundred pounds.

**THE SCHEDULE.**

FORM A.

Regulation 5.

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Public Health (Boarding-houses) Regulations.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS THE PROPRIETOR OF A BOARDING-HOUSE.

Name in full of Proprietor.....  
 Locality, Street and Number.....  
 Description of House—

	Living Rooms.	Bedrooms.	Bathrooms.	Closets.	Verandah Space.
Available for Family ..					
Available for Boarders ..					
<b>Totals ..</b>					

Members of Proprietor's Family—

Males.	Females.	Children under Seven Years.	Total.

I, ..... hereby declare that the above particulars are true in every particular, and that I will comply with the provisions of the *Public Health Ordinance 1928-1930* and the *Public Health (Boarding-houses) Regulations* and any Regulations amending or in substitution therefor. And I hereby apply for registration of my premises as a boarding-house under the said Regulations. The registration fee of 10s. is forwarded herewith in the form of cash, cheque, postal note.

Dated this ..... day of ....., 19.....

Proprietor.

FORM B.

Regulation 5.

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*Department of Health.*

Public Health (Boarding-houses) Regulations.

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION.

This is to certify that ..... has been registered under and subject to the *Public Health Ordinance 1928-1930* and the *Public Health (Boarding-houses) Regulations* and any Regulations amending or in substitution therefor made under that Ordinance as the proprietor of the boarding-house specified in the Schedule hereto during the calendar year ending on the ..... day of ....., 193....., unless sooner cancelled in accordance with the provisions of the said Regulations.

Dated this ..... day of ....., 19.....

Director-General of Health.

SCHEDULE.

Name in full of Proprietor.....  
 Locality, Street and Number.....  
 Description of House—

	Living Rooms.	Bedrooms.	Bathrooms.	Closets.	Verandah Space.
Available for Family ..					
Available for Boarders ..					
<b>Totals ..</b>					

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