

Civil Defence (Detention) Regulations

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CIVIL DEFENCE (DETENTION) REGULATIONS

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1. These Regulations may be cited as the Civil Defence (Detention) Regulations.

Definitions

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

“arrested person” means a person under arrest under the Act;

“Board” means the Board of Visitors established under regulation 2A;

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“commandant” means —

- (a) in the case of detention barracks, an officer appointed by the Commissioner as the commandant of the detention barracks; or

(b) in the case of a guardroom, an officer appointed by a commanding officer as the commandant of the guardroom;

“Director Manpower” means the Director, Manpower Department of the Force;

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“guard” means a person responsible for the guarding of arrested persons or persons serving detention in detention barracks or guardrooms;

“guardroom” means a place designated as a guardroom by a commanding officer with the approval of the Commissioner;

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“person serving detention” means a person serving sentence of detention imposed by a disciplinary officer;

“prison” means a prison declared as such under section 3 of the Prisons Act (Cap. 247).

Establishment, etc., of Board of Visitors

2A.—(1) There is established for all detention barracks a Board of Visitors.

(2) The Board consists of not less than 4 and not more than 12 members.

(3) Every member of the Board —

(a) is appointed by the Minister; and

(b) holds office for 3 years beginning on the date of the member’s appointment or for such shorter period as the Minister may specify in any particular case.

(4) At least 2 members of the Board must be appointed from among members and former members of the Force.

(5) The Minister must appoint a chairman of the Board from among the members of the Board.

(6) Each member (including the chairman) of the Board is eligible for re-appointment.

(7) Any member (including the chairman) of the Board may at any time resign from his or her office by notice in writing to the Minister.

(8) The Minister may at any time revoke the appointment of any member (including the chairman) of the Board, or fill any vacancy in the membership of the Board.

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Functions of Board of Visitors

2B.—(1) The functions of the Board are as follows:

- (a) to inspect the cells, yards and other places within a detention barrack and to ascertain whether the living conditions of the persons serving detention in the detention barrack are satisfactory;
- (b) to inspect the food served to the persons serving detention in a detention barrack and to ascertain whether the hygiene, quality and quantity of the food are satisfactory;
- (c) to hear, record and enquire into any complaint made by a person serving detention relating to the person's detention in a detention barrack;
- (d) to ensure that the provisions of the standing orders issued under regulation 7 are complied with;
- (e) to call to the attention of the commandant of a detention barrack any irregularity observed by the Board in the management or operation of the detention barrack, or the treatment of any person serving detention in the detention barrack;
- (f) to perform such other duties as the Minister may assign to the Board.

(2) The Board must visit a detention barrack at least once every month.

(3) The Board may be represented by 2 or more of its members when the Board visits a detention barrack.

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Board's report

2C.—(1) After each visit to a detention barrack, the Board must submit a report to the Director Manpower or any other person (who is an officer appointed to the Force) authorised by the Commissioner to receive the report.

(2) The report must mention any irregularity observed by the Board in the management or operation of the detention barrack, or the treatment of any person serving detention in the detention barrack.

(3) The commandant of a detention barrack must —

- (a) act on every irregularity brought to the commandant's attention by the Director Manpower or the other person authorised under paragraph (1) to receive the Board's report; and
- (b) report to the Director Manpower or that other person any action that has been taken by the commandant.