

# **Massage Establishments Rules 2018**

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**No. S 96**

**MESSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS ACT 2017  
(ACT 45 OF 2017)**

**MESSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS RULES 2018**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 35(1) of the Massage Establishments Act 2017, the Minister for Home Affairs makes the following Rules:

**PART 1**

**PRELIMINARY**

**Citation and commencement**

**1.** These Rules are the Massage Establishments Rules 2018 and come into operation

on 1 March 2018.

## **Definition**

2. In these Rules, unless the context requires otherwise, “revoked Rules” means the Massage Establishments Rules (Cap. 173, R 1) revoked by these Rules.

## **PART 2**

## **LICENCE**

### **Prescribed website**

3. For the purposes of section 7(4) of the Act, the prescribed website is <http://www.police.gov.sg/e-Services/Police-Licences/Massage-Establishment-Licence>.

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### **Fee payable for licence**

4.—(1) For the purposes of section 7(1)(a) of the Act, the licence fee for a licence is as follows:

- (a) \$290 for one year;
- (b) \$440 for 2 years;
- (c) \$590 for 3 years.

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(2) The fee payable for a copy or replacement of a licence is \$15.

*[S 261/2021 wef 15/04/2021]*

### **Licence not transferable**

5.—(1) A licence is not transferable.

(2) A licensee of an establishment for massage must not transfer the licence to, or permit the licence to be used by, any other person.

(3) Any person who contravenes paragraph (2) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 and, where the person is a repeat offender, to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or to both.

(4) For the purposes of paragraph (3), a person is a repeat offender in relation to an offence under that paragraph if the person who is convicted of the offence has been convicted on at least one earlier occasion of —

- (a) an offence under paragraph (3); or
- (b) an offence under rule 13 of the revoked Rules or section 9(d) of the repealed Act for contravening rule 5 of the revoked Rules, whether the conviction was before, on or after 1 March 2018.

### **Displaying licence and signboard**

6.—(1) A licensee of an establishment for massage must display the licence prominently within the establishment for massage for which the licence is granted.

(2) A licensee of an establishment for massage must display a signboard —

- (a) showing clearly the name of the establishment for massage for which the licence is granted; and
- (b) in a conspicuous place outside the establishment for massage.

(3) Any person who contravenes paragraph (1) or (2) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 and, where the person is a repeat offender, to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or to both.

(4) For the purposes of paragraph (3), a person is a repeat offender in relation to an offence under that paragraph if —

- (a) the person who is convicted of an offence under paragraph (3) for contravening paragraph (1) has been convicted on at least one earlier occasion of an offence under paragraph (3) for contravening paragraph (1); or
- (b) the person who is convicted of an offence under paragraph (3) for contravening paragraph (2) has been convicted on at least one earlier occasion of —
  - (i) an offence under paragraph (3) for contravening paragraph (2); or
  - (ii) an offence under rule 13 of the revoked Rules or section 9(d) of the repealed Act for contravening rule 6 of the revoked Rules, whether the conviction was before, on or after 1 March 2018.

### **Layout of establishment for massage**

7.—(1) A person applying for a licence in respect of an establishment for massage

must include, in the person's application, the layout of the establishment for massage.

(2) A licensee of an establishment for massage must ensure that the establishment for massage conforms to the layout of the establishment for massage as approved by the Licensing Officer at the time of —

- (a) the grant of the licence; or
- (b) the grant of the approval under paragraph (3).

(3) A licensee who wishes to change the layout of the establishment for massage must seek the prior approval of the Licensing Officer.

(4) The fee payable for an application for approval of a change in layout is \$40.

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(5) Any person who contravenes paragraph (2) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 and, in the case of a second or subsequent conviction, to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or to both.

## PART 3

### EMPLOYMENT IN ESTABLISHMENT FOR MASSAGE

#### **Criteria to work in establishment for massage**

8.—(1) For the purposes of section 15(1)(b) of the Act, the prescribed criteria as to whether a relevant individual is a fit and proper person to be employed to work in an establishment for massage are specified in the Schedule.

(2) For the purposes of section 17(1)(a) of the Act, the prescribed criteria as to whether a relevant individual is a fit and proper person to continue to be employed in an establishment for massage are specified in the Schedule.

#### **Application fee for approval to employ individual**

9. For the purposes of section 14(2)(b) of the Act, the prescribed application fee is —

- (a) \$34 if the application is made before 1 April 2022; or
- (b) \$50 if the application is made on or after 1 April 2022.

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#### **Notification when employee ceases to be employed**

10.—(1) A licensee of an establishment for massage must notify the Licensing