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**ANIMALS AND BIRDS ACT  
(CHAPTER 7)**

**ANIMALS AND BIRDS  
(DOG LICENSING AND CONTROL)  
(AMENDMENT) RULES 2020**

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 59 and 80 of the Animals and Birds Act, the Minister for National Development makes the following Rules:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Rules are the Animals and Birds (Dog Licensing and Control) (Amendment) Rules 2020 and come into operation on 1 September 2020.

**Amendment of rule 2**

2. Rule 2 of the Animals and Birds (Dog Licensing and Control) Rules (R 1) (called in these Rules the principal Rules) is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the words “rule 4(2)(a)” in the definition of “licence”, the words “or 4AA(4)(a)”;
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “licence fee”, the following definition:

““licensee” includes a transferee who is issued a licence under rule 4AA(4)(a);” and

- (c) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “owner”, the following definition:

““perpetual licence”, in relation to a dog, means a licence that is valid for the lifetime of the dog unless the licence is earlier revoked or cancelled;”.

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**Amendment of rule 4**

3. Rule 4 of the principal Rules is amended —

- (a) by deleting sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (1);
- (b) by deleting sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (2) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:

“(a) on the payment of the appropriate licence fee, issue a licence to the applicant subject to any condition that the Director-General thinks fit to impose; or”; and

- (c) by deleting paragraph (4) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(4) A licence issued is valid —

- (a) for the duration specified in the licence; or
- (b) in the case of a perpetual licence, for the lifetime of the dog,

unless the licence is earlier revoked or cancelled.”.

**New rule 4AA**

4. The principal Rules are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 4, the following rule:

**“Transfer of licence**

**4AA.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), an application for the transfer of a licence (whether issued before, on or after 1 September 2020) for a dog (whether or not it is sterilised) may be made by the licensee (called the transferor) to another person (called the transferee) if, as at the date on which the application is made, the dog is not kept for sale in a dog farm or a pet shop.

(2) In addition to the condition in paragraph (1), an application to transfer a perpetual licence may only be made if, as at the date on which the application is made, not more than 2 other dogs are kept at the premises at which the dog (the licence of which is to be transferred) is to be kept after the transfer.

- (3) An application mentioned in paragraph (1) must be —
- (a) made to the Director-General and in the form and manner required by the Director-General; and
  - (b) accompanied by the particulars, information and documents specified by the Director-General.

(4) On receipt of an application under paragraph (1), the Director-General may —

- (a) issue a licence to the transferee subject to any condition that the Director-General thinks fit to impose; or
- (b) refuse to approve the application.

(5) Where the Director-General refuses to approve the application to issue a licence under paragraph (4)(b), the Director-General must, if requested to do so by the transferor, state in writing the reasons for his refusal.

(6) A licence issued under paragraph (4)(a) —

- (a) is valid for the remaining validity period of the licence that is transferred; or
- (b) is a perpetual licence if the licence that is transferred is a perpetual licence.”.

### **Amendment of rule 5**

5. Rule 5(3) of the principal Rules is amended by deleting the words “rule 4(1)(a)” and substituting the words “rule 4(2)(a) or (6)”.

### **New rule 5A**

6. The principal Rules are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 5, the following rule:

#### **“Conversion to perpetual licence for sterilised dogs**

**5A.—(1)** A specified licence for a dog that has been sterilised as at the date the licence is issued is converted to a perpetual licence with effect from 1 September 2020.

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(2) Where —

- (a) before, on or after 1 September 2020, a licence with a validity period of 3 years was issued in respect of an unsterilised dog;
- (b) the dog was sterilised before the expiry of the licence; and
- (c) the licensee provides the evidence of the sterilisation in the form and manner specified by the Director-General,

the licence is converted to a perpetual licence with effect from —

- (d) where the dog was sterilised before 1 September 2020 and the licensee had, before that date, provided the evidence of the sterilisation in the form and manner specified by the Director-General — 1 September 2020; or
- (e) where the dog was sterilised whether before, on or after 1 September 2020 and the licensee provides, on or after that date, the evidence of the sterilisation in the form and manner specified by the Director-General — the date on which the licensee provides the evidence of the sterilisation.

(3) Where —

- (a) before, on or after 1 September 2020, a licence with a validity period of 3 years was issued in respect of an unsterilised dog;
- (b) the licence was transferred for the remaining validity period (whether or not the licence had previously been transferred to the transferor), and a licence issued to the transferee for the remaining validity period;