

# **Singapore Tourism (Licensing and Control of Tourist Guides) Regulations**

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## Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Singapore Tourism (Licensing and Control of Tourist Guides) Regulations.

## Definitions

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —
- “licence” means a licence granted by the Board under regulation 4;
  - “licensee” means a person who holds a valid licence;
  - “tourist guide” means a person who guides tourists for remuneration.

## Licence required to act as tourist guide

3.—(1) No person shall act as a tourist guide unless he is in possession of a valid licence granted by the Board under these Regulations authorising him to act as a tourist guide.

(2) Any person who contravenes paragraph (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$3,000 and in the case of a second or subsequent conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000.

## Application for licence

4.—(1) Any person who desires to obtain a licence shall make an application to the Board in such form as the Board may require.

(2) Upon receiving an application under paragraph (1), the Board shall consider the application and may grant a licence, with or without conditions, or refuse to grant a licence.

(3) Where the Board refuses to grant a licence, the Board shall notify the applicant of

the refusal and the applicant may, within 14 days after the date of receipt of the notice, appeal to the Minister whose decision shall be final.

(4) The Board may require an applicant --

- (a) to attend and successfully complete such courses of training and pass such tests of proficiency as may be conducted or approved by the Board; and
- (b) to be certified physically and mentally fit by a registered medical practitioner of the applicant's own choice or such registered medical practitioner as the Board may direct at the applicant's own expense.

### **Duration of licence and fee**

5.—(1) A licence granted by the Board shall be for a period of 3 years from the date of grant of the licence.

(2) The fee payable for every licence shall be \$72.

(3) Any application for renewal of a licence shall be made one month before the licence is due to expire in such form as the Board may require.

### **Official badge**

6. A licensee shall be issued with a badge (referred to in these Regulations as the official badge) indicating that he has a licence to act as a tourist guide.

### **Conditions of licence**

7. A licensee shall comply with all the conditions set out in the Schedule which may be varied from time to time.

### **Revocation and suspension of licence**

8.—(1) The Board may suspend any licence for a period not exceeding 6 months or may revoke or refuse to renew any licence if the licensee —

- (a) has in any application for a licence made any statement which is false in any material particular;
- (b) has not performed the functions of a tourist guide for a continuous period of 6 months or has not performed the minimum number of assignments required by the Board for such period;
- (c) has been convicted of any offence and sentenced to imprisonment for a term exceeding one month;
- (d) has been guilty of any misconduct which renders him unfit to continue to