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COVID-19 (TEMPORARY MEASURES) ACT 2020 (ACT 14 OF 2020)

COVID-19 (TEMPORARY MEASURES) (CONTROL ORDER) (AMENDMENT NO. 14) REGULATIONS 2021

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 34(1) of the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020, the Minister for Health makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations are the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) (Amendment No. 14) Regulations 2021 and come into operation on 22 July 2021.

Amendment of regulation 2

2. Regulation 2(1) of the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) Regulations 2020 (G.N. No. S 254/2020) (called in these Regulations the principal Regulations) is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the words “time being carried on,” in the definition of “dining-in activity cohort”, the words “where the First Schedule does not prohibit consumption of food or drink on those premises,”;
- (b) by deleting the words “a solemnization of a marriage or a wedding” in the definition of “enhanced entry control” and substituting the words “a nuptial event”;
- (c) by deleting the words “solemnization of a marriage or wedding” in the definition of “enhanced entry control” and substituting the words “nuptial event”;

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- (d) by deleting the words “solemnization or wedding (as the case may be)” in the definition of “enhanced entry control” and substituting the words “nuptial event”;
- (e) by deleting the words “the solemnization of a marriage or a wedding” in the definition of “guest” and substituting the words “a nuptial event”;
- (f) by deleting the words “solemnization or wedding” wherever they appear in the definition of “guest” and substituting in each case the words “nuptial event”;
- (g) by deleting the words “solemnization of the marriage or wedding” in paragraph (c) of the definition of “guest” and substituting the words “nuptial event”;
- (h) by deleting the words “the solemnization of the marriage” in paragraph (c)(i) of the definition of “guest” and substituting the words “the nuptial event”;
- (i) by deleting the words “the wedding” in paragraph (c)(ii) of the definition of “guest” and substituting the words “the nuptial event”;
- (j) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “movement control measure”, the following definition:
- ““nuptial event” means —
- (a) a solemnization of a marriage; or
- (b) a wedding;”;
- (k) by deleting the words “individuals the total of which is not more than any of the following caps:” in the definition of “sporting activity cohort” and substituting the words “not more than 2 individuals;”; and
- (l) by deleting paragraphs (c) and (d) of the definition of “sporting activity cohort”.

Amendment of regulation 3A

3. Regulation 3A(2) of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting, immediately after the words “strenuous physical exercise” in sub-paragraph (a), the words “outdoors, but not physical exercise indoors, strenuous or otherwise”.

Miscellaneous amendments on cohort size

4. The principal Regulations are amended by deleting “5” in the following provisions and substituting in each case “2”:

Regulation 4(4)(a)

Regulation 7A(2A)(b)(ii) and (f)(ii) and (iii)

Regulation 10AA(1)(f)(ii) and (iii)

Regulation 10B(1)(k)(i)

Regulation 12(1)(a)(ii)(A) and (B).

Amendment of regulation 6

5. Regulation 6(1) of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the words “the time being carried on” in sub-paragraph (ba), the words “where the First Schedule does not prohibit consumption of food or drink on those premises”;
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the words “an indoor physical recreational facility” in sub-paragraph (bb), the words “where the First Schedule does not prohibit doing so on those premises,”;
- (c) by inserting the word “or” at the end of sub-paragraph (bb);
- (d) by deleting sub-paragraph (bc); and
- (e) by deleting “5” in sub-paragraph (c)(ii) and substituting “2”.

Amendment of regulation 8

6. Regulation 8(1) of the principal Regulations is amended —
- (a) by deleting the words “where more than 48 guests are invited to attend the wedding,” in sub-paragraph (*h*); and
 - (b) by deleting “5” in sub-paragraph (*k*)(ii) and (iii) and substituting in each case “2”.

Amendment of regulation 10A

7. Regulation 10A(3) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting “10” and substituting “16”.

Amendment of regulation 13

8. Regulation 13(3) of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting, immediately after the definition of “permitted enterprise worker”, the following definitions:

““personal appearance service” means —

- (a) a beauty therapy;
- (b) hairdressing, which is a procedure intended to maintain, alter or enhance an individual’s appearance involving facial or scalp hair, and includes cutting, trimming, styling, colouring, treating or shaving the hair;
- (c) body piercing, which is the process of penetrating an individual’s skin or mucous membrane with a sharp instrument for the purpose of implanting jewellery or other foreign material through or into the skin or mucous membrane;
- (d) tattooing, which is the process of penetrating an individual’s skin and inserting into it colour pigments to make a permanent mark, pattern or design on the skin, or a semi-permanent mark, pattern or design on the skin such as cosmetic

tattooing or applying semi-permanent make-up;
or

- (e) skin penetration that is provided as part of a business transaction intended to alter or enhance an individual's appearance, that involves the piercing, cutting, scarring, scraping, puncturing, or tearing of an individual's skin or mucous membrane with an instrument;

“personal care service” means a business or an undertaking or activity at a premises or place that involves, in whole or part, or is or may reasonably be characterised as, a wellness centre, day spa and massage establishment or sauna;”.

Amendment of regulation 13F

9. Regulation 13F of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (2)(e) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:

“(i) no food or drink is served for consumption or consumed in the room or place in connection with the event;”;

- (b) by deleting sub-paragraphs (iii) and (v) of paragraph (2)(e);

- (c) by deleting sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (3)(e) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:

“(i) no food or drink is served for consumption or consumed in the room or place in connection with the event;”;

- (d) by deleting sub-paragraph (v) of paragraph (3)(e); and

- (e) by deleting sub-paragraph (f) of paragraph (3) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:

“(f) during which all reasonably practicable steps are taken by the permitted enterprise to ensure that individuals in the room or place (except relevant service staff) remain in cohorts of not more than 2 individuals.”.

Amendment of First Schedule

10.—(1) Paragraph 2 of Part 2 of the First Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended by deleting “5” wherever it appears in sub-paragraphs (1) and (2)(a) and substituting in each case “2”.

(2) Part 3 of the First Schedule to the principal Regulations is deleted and the following Part substituted therefor:

“PART 3

RETAIL FOOD AND DRINKS ESTABLISHMENT

1.—(1) A permitted enterprise carrying on a retail food and drinks business —

(a) must not sell or supply, or cause or allow to be sold or supplied, at its permitted premises that is a retail food and drinks establishment any food or drink for immediate consumption on those premises; and

(b) must not allow any customer or visitor to consume any food or drink on those premises.

(2) To avoid doubt, this paragraph does not prohibit the sale or supply of any food or drink to a purchaser —

(a) who collects food or drink from the retail food and drinks establishment, being food or drink that has been pre-ordered by telephone (including orders by text message), through a website, or otherwise by online communication; or

(b) who collects the food or drink in a vehicle, and to whom the food or drink is passed without the purchaser or any other individual leaving the vehicle.

2.—(1) However, paragraph 1 does not apply where a wedding connected with the celebration of a marriage takes place in any permitted premises that is a retail food and drinks establishment.

(2) Where a wedding connected with the celebration of a marriage takes place in any permitted premises that is a retail food and drinks establishment, the permitted enterprise occupying the food and drinks establishment must take (or cause to be taken) all reasonably practicable steps to ensure that during the wedding —

- (a) regulation 8 is complied with;
- (b) any part of the retail food and drinks establishment which is a part designed for the principal purpose of serving liquor for immediate consumption there (commonly called a bar) is cordoned off and prevented from use unless drinks (which may include liquor) and cooked food are served, or allowed to be served, to any customer for consumption at the bar;
- (c) the following stop immediately after 10.30 p.m., regardless of the trading hours specified in any licence granted under the Liquor Control (Supply and Consumption) Act 2015 or authorised under that Act in relation to that retail food and drinks establishment:
 - (i) the sale and serving of liquor for consumption on the retail food and drinks establishment;
 - (ii) the consumption of liquor on the retail food and drinks establishment;
- (d) any food or drinks (or both) for consumption on the retail food and drinks establishment is not provided by way of a buffet;
- (e) no organised competition of games of skill or chance is conducted on the retail food and drinks establishment;
- (f) the playing of billiards, pool or other like games, or of electronic or mechanical amusement devices (such as pinball machines, computer or video games and the like) does not take place on the retail food and drinks establishment;
- (g) any verbal exhortation of goodwill or honour or about any other matter (whether or not auspicious or propitious) carried out by a customer or otherwise, accompanied by a ritual (like toasting) in which a drink or any food is offered, taken or handled, does not take place on the retail food and drinks establishment;
- (h) no live performance, exhibition or display of gymnastics or acrobatics, lecture, talk or address (whether by the customers or otherwise) takes place on the retail food and drinks establishment except a speech by any of the following who are within the retail food and drinks establishment:
 - (i) a guest of the wedding;

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- (ii) a party to the marriage;
 - (iii) a celebrant or other person at work in relation to the wedding;
 - (i) any display or exhibition (whether on a television or other screen) to customers in or around the retail food and drinks establishment is limited to —
 - (i) a display or an exhibition (whether on a television or other screen) of any film or video recording that is about or relating to the marriage or any party to the marriage; or
 - (ii) a speech using real-time transmission that is about or relating to the marriage or any party to the marriage,
so long as it is only visible and audible mainly by guests of the wedding who are within the retail food and drinks establishment;
and
 - (j) any playing of music, singing, lecture, talk or address or any other content (whether or not pre-recorded) is limited to the playing of pre-recorded music, pre-recorded singing, a pre-recorded lecture, talk or address or any other pre-recorded content that —
 - (i) is about or relating to the marriage or any party to the marriage; and
 - (ii) is only audible mainly by guests of the wedding who are within the retail food and drinks establishment.
- (3) In sub-paragraph (2)(b), “cooked food” does not include pre-packed or ready-to-eat food that —
- (a) does not necessarily require any further preparation or handling before consumption; and
 - (b) can be stored at room or ambient temperature before its packaging is opened and, after the packaging is opened, may not require refrigeration.
3. To avoid doubt, a permitted enterprise carrying on a retail food and drinks business is not prohibited from allowing a solemnization of a marriage to be held on its permitted premises that is a retail food and drinks establishment where held in accordance with regulation 7A.”.
- (3) Part 4 of the First Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended —
- (a) by deleting paragraphs 1, 1A and 1B and substituting the following paragraph:

“1.—(1) A permitted enterprise which provides an authorised service providing lessons or coaching in, or for participation in, a sporting activity or other physical recreational activity in an indoor physical recreational facility, or which owns, or has charge, management or control of, an indoor physical recreational facility, must —

- (a) ensure that any customer, visitor or permitted enterprise worker present within the indoor physical recreational facility —
 - (i) does not carry on any high-intensity physical exercise; and
 - (ii) carries on any other exercise, fitness activity or fitness-related activity only when wearing a mask, regardless of regulations 3A and 13E(1)(ab);
- (b) take (or cause to be taken) all reasonably practicable steps to ensure that —
 - (i) every customer, visitor or permitted enterprise worker allowed to enter or remain in the indoor physical recreational facility to receive the authorised service is allocated into and remains in a sporting activity cohort despite regulation 10B(1)(n); and
 - (ii) every customer, visitor or permitted enterprise worker who enters the indoor physical recreational facility to carry on any exercise, fitness activity or any fitness-related activity within that facility, does not remain within the facility for more than 120 minutes after first entering;
- (c) take (or cause to be taken) all reasonably practicable steps to ensure that, when any exercise, fitness activity or fitness-related activity allowed under sub-paragraph (a) is carried on by any customer, visitor or permitted enterprise worker within the indoor physical recreational facility, there is maintained, regardless of regulation 10B(1)(k), a distance of —

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- (i) at least 2 metres between any 2 individuals (whether customers, visitors or permitted enterprise workers) engaging in any such exercise, fitness activity or fitness-related activity; and
 - (ii) at least 3 metres between every member of a cohort or sporting activity cohort of customers or visitors or permitted enterprise workers (or combination thereof) engaging in any such exercise, fitness activity or fitness-related activity from any other individual who is alone, or any other individual who is a member of another cohort or sporting activity cohort, and engaging in such exercise, fitness activity or fitness-related activity;
- (d) ensure that a reasonable period of time elapses (being at least 15 minutes) since the end of an earlier class or session of its customers, visitors or permitted enterprise workers (as the case may be) to allow for cleaning as described in regulation 10B(1)(i) or (ia) or 13E(1)(h) or (i) (or all) in between the earlier class or session and the start of the next class or session;
- (e) not provide for use within the indoor physical recreational facility any exercise machines, bars, free weights, stationary bikes, treadmills and exercise mats; and
- (f) ensure that no food or drink is sold or supplied at the indoor physical recreational facility for consumption by any customer, visitor or permitted enterprise worker at that facility during the conduct of its business.
- (2) A permitted enterprise which provides an authorised service providing lessons or coaching in, or for participation in, a sporting activity or other physical recreational activity in an outdoor physical recreational facility, or which owns, or has charge, management or control of, an outdoor physical recreational facility, must —
- (a) take (or cause to be taken) all reasonably practicable steps to ensure that, when any exercise, fitness activity or fitness-related activity is carried on by any customer, visitor or permitted enterprise worker

within the outdoor physical recreational facility, there is maintained, regardless of regulation 10B(1)(k), a distance of —

- (i) at least 2 metres between any 2 individuals (whether customers, visitors or permitted enterprise workers) engaging in any such exercise, fitness activity or fitness-related activity; and
 - (ii) at least 3 metres between every member of a cohort of customers or visitors or permitted enterprise workers (or combination thereof) engaging in any such exercise, fitness activity or fitness-related activity from any other individual who is alone, or any other individual who is a member of another cohort, and engaging in such exercise, fitness activity or fitness-related activity; and
- (b) take (or cause to be taken) all reasonably practicable steps to ensure that every cohort of customers, visitors or permitted enterprise workers allowed to enter or remain in the outdoor physical recreational facility consists of not more than 2 individuals at any time, despite regulation 10B(1)(n).
- (3) To avoid doubt, this paragraph does not apply to prevent the use of the whole or any part of an indoor physical recreational facility —
- (a) by dancers and choreographers for the purpose of rehearsals for a live performance in accordance with law;
 - (b) by actors using exercise equipment or engaging in high-intensity physical exercises without wearing a mask, for the sole purpose of —
 - (i) recording a film of that use or exercise for subsequent broadcast; or
 - (ii) demonstrating muscle movements for an educational purpose;
 - (c) by individuals who have a disability or require therapy, undergoing physical therapy or rehabilitation without wearing a mask; or

(d) by individuals for any purpose that involves being in a substantially seated or stationary position and that is not exercise, fitness activity or any fitness-related activity.”; and

(b) by deleting paragraph 3 and substituting the following paragraphs:

“3. A permitted enterprise that operates an amusement centre in the course of business must not sell or supply, or cause or allow to be sold or supplied, at its permitted premises that is an amusement centre any food or drink for immediate consumption on those premises.

4. A permitted enterprise that carries on, in the course of business, a business of providing any personal appearance service at its permitted premises —

(a) must not provide, or cause or allow to be provided, at those premises any personal appearance service that requires any customer or visitor to stop wearing or to take off his or her mask in order to receive the service;

(b) must take all reasonably practicable steps to ensure that no food or drink is sold or supplied at its permitted premises for consumption by any customer, visitor or permitted enterprise worker at those premises during the conduct of its business; and

(c) must take all reasonably practicable steps to ensure that every customer, visitor or permitted enterprise worker present within those premises to receive or provide any personal appearance service is wearing a mask, regardless of regulations 3A and 13E(1)(ab).”.

(4) Part 5 of the First Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended —

(a) by deleting paragraph 2 and substituting the following paragraph:

“2. A permitted enterprise that carries on an education business must not provide, in the course of any business, lessons or coaching which involves any of the following, whether alone or in combination with any other activities:

(a) singing;

(b) playing of any wind musical instrument;

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- (c) a combination of the activities in sub-paragraph (a) or (b).”; and
- (b) by inserting, immediately after paragraph 4, the following paragraph:
- “5.—(1) A permitted enterprise that carries on an education business of providing lessons or teaching based wholly on a religious belief, religious opinion or religious affiliation must stop providing such lessons or teaching in a place of worship.
- (2) Sub-paragraph (1) does not apply to a permitted enterprise providing in a place of worship a course of instruction or training to any individual to become a member of a religious order or in the duties of a minister of religion.”.
- (5) Part 6 of the First Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended —
- (a) by deleting paragraph 2; and
- (b) by deleting the words “paragraphs 1, 1A and 1B” wherever they appear in paragraph 3 and substituting in each case the words “paragraph 1”.
- (6) Part 7 of the First Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended —
- (a) by deleting the words “paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 5” in paragraph 1 and substituting the words “paragraph 1”; and
- (b) by deleting the words “the highest number allowed for a dining-in activity cohort” in paragraph 3(b) and substituting the words “2 individuals”.

Amendment of Third Schedule

- 11.** The Third Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended —
- (a) by deleting “248” in paragraph (a) in the second column (titled “*Maximum number of individuals*”) of items 1 and 3A and substituting in each case “98”;
- (b) by deleting paragraph (a) in the second column (titled “*Maximum number of individuals*”) of item 2 and substituting the following paragraph:

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- “(a) 8 guests of the solemnization (who may or may not be ordinarily resident in that place of residence) and the parties to the marriage;”;
- (c) by deleting the words “items 9 and 10” in the first column (titled “*Premises and circumstances of gathering*”) of item 8 and substituting the words “item 9”;
- (d) by deleting paragraph (a) in the second column (titled “*Maximum number of individuals*”) of item 9 and substituting the following paragraph:
- “(a) either —
- (i) 30 individuals if any sporting activity or physical recreational activity when wearing a mask takes place within an indoor or outdoor physical recreational facility; or
 - (ii) 2 individuals if any sporting activity or physical recreational activity without wearing a mask takes place within an outdoor physical recreational facility;”;
- (e) by deleting item 10; and
- (f) by deleting “5” in the second column (titled “*Maximum number of individuals*”) of items 12 and 13 and substituting in each case “2”.

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