

PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT REGULATIONS, 1926.⁽¹⁾

1. These Regulations may be cited as the *Public Entertainment Regulations, 1926*,⁽¹⁾ and shall commence and take effect as from the first day of March, 1926.

2. The terms "Place of Public Entertainment" and "Proprietor" shall have the same meaning as defined by the *Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance, 1915*.

3. No place of public entertainment shall be open to the public unless the conditions with respect thereto prescribed by these regulations are complied with and it is licensed.

4. Licences for places of public entertainment may be granted by the Resident Magistrate of the Division in which the premises are situated and shall be in the form of the Schedule hereto, or to the like effect.

5. The fee for a licence is Two pounds.

6. No premises in respect of which a licence has been granted shall be used for any purpose of public entertainment other than that expressed in the licence.

7. No licensed premises shall be kept open for the purpose of public entertainment on Sunday, Christmas Day or Good Friday.

8. Unless otherwise expressly authorized by a Resident Magistrate, any licensed premises shall be closed not later than midnight on any week-day, and shall not be re-opened before the hour of 10 o'clock a.m. of the next succeeding week-day.

(1) The *Public Entertainment Regulations, 1926* (made under the *Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance, 1915*) comprise the original *Public Entertainment Regulations, 1926*, as amended by the other Regulations referred to in the following Table:—

REGULATIONS MADE BY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

Description and number and year.	Date on which made by Lieut.-Gov. in Council.	Date on which published in Papua Govt. Gaz.	Date on which commenced and took effect.
<i>Public Entertainment Regulations, 1926</i> (S.R. 1926, No. 2)	25.1.1926	3.2.1926	1.3.1926 (Reg. 1, S.R. 1926, No. 2)
<i>Amending Regulation</i> (S.R. 1928, No. 1)	17.1.1928	31.1.1928	31.1.1928 (Papua Govt. Gaz. of 31.1.1928)
<i>Amending Regulation</i> (S.R. 1931, No. 5)	11.2.1931	4.3.1931	4.3.1931 (Papua Govt. Gaz. of 4.3.1931)

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9. No cinematograph exhibition shall be presented or carried on or be permitted by the proprietor to be presented or carried on in any place of public entertainment at which exhibition Europeans and natives are present at the same time:

Provided that this regulation shall not be taken to forbid the presence on duty of any officer mentioned in Regulation 10 hereof at any exhibition presented or carried on in the presence of natives.

10. Every licensed premises shall, at all reasonable times, and particularly while any meeting, assembly, entertainment or exhibition is going on therein, be open free of charge for the admission and inspection of the Director of Public Works, or person authorized by him to inspect licensed premises, and to the Resident Magistrate of the Division in which the licensed premises are situated or his deputy appointed under Regulation 14 and to a European Constable of police when in uniform.

11. Places of public entertainment to which Europeans and natives are admitted shall be provided by the proprietor thereof with separate seating accommodation for Europeans and natives, placed and constructed to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works, or some person appointed by him to inspect licensed premises.

12. The Government Secretary, or any person appointed by him, may, by a notice in writing given to the proprietor, or left at the place of public entertainment, prohibit in any such place the representation of any public entertainment or performance, or any parts thereof that might provoke a breach of the peace or is a violation of public decency or propriety, or dangerous either to the performer or to any other person; and thereafter no person shall perform or take part in or permit any such representation.

13. The Government Secretary, or any person appointed by him, may, by a like notice so given or left, prohibit the attendance of natives at any place of public entertainment or at any representation of any public entertainment or performance therein, and thereupon no proprietor shall permit any native to be present at, or attend any such place of public entertainment or representation, as the case may be.

14.—(1.) No person shall present or carry on or permit to be presented or carried on any cinematograph exhibition to which a native is or is intended to be admitted unless every scene intended to be presented or produced at such exhibition has been first screened before the Resident Magistrate of the Division in which the exhibition is to be made or before some person appointed by him as his deputy and approved by the Government Secretary.

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(2.) Such Resident Magistrate or his deputy may in his discretion issue a permit for the presentation of such exhibition either without any restriction or condition or subject to any restriction or condition which he may think fit to impose.

(3.) No person shall permit any native to be present as a spectator, showman, showman's assistant or in any other capacity, at any cinematograph exhibition—

- (a) for which no permit has been issued under this regulation;
or
- (b) which is presented contrary to any restriction or condition imposed under the provisions of this regulation; or
- (c) from the film of which any scene not permitted by the Resident Magistrate or his deputy to be presented has not been actually and entirely removed; or
- (d) at which Europeans (other than officers in the exercise of their duties and powers under these regulations) are present.

(4.) Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained films may be shown by any recognized Educational Institution without permit and at such representation European members of the staff of such Institution may be present with natives.

Sub-reg. (4) ad.
by S.R. 1931,
No. 5, r. 1.

(5.) A Magistrate may require to see any film displayed under the provisions of Sub-regulation (4.) hereof and the European in charge or apparently in charge of the Educational Institution responsible for the filming shall thereupon screen the film.

Sub-reg (5) ad.
by S.R. 1931,
No. 5, r. 1.

15. The penalty for a breach of or offence against any of the preceding regulations shall be a fine not exceeding Twenty pounds, and in default of payment imprisonment with or without hard labour for any period not exceeding Three months.

15A. The powers and duties conferred or imposed on the Government Secretary by these Regulations may be exercised and shall be carried out during his absence by any other person appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor⁽²⁾ for that purpose.

Ad. by S.R.
1928, No. 1, r. 1.

16. The *Public Entertainment Regulations, 1923* (Statutory Rules No. 16 of 1923), as amended by Statutory Rules No. 1 of 1925, are repealed.

SCHEDULE.

LICENCE.

Under the *Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance, 1915.*

The premises described at the foot hereof are licensed as a place of public entertainment for the purposes of _____ for the space of one year

(2) See Section 19(2) of the *Ordinance Interpretation Ordinance, 1911-1940.*

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from this date.

This licence is issued to:
Description of premises:

as licensee.

Resident Magistrate,
Division.