

Ordinance 22 of 2021

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**PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH (COVID-19)
(AMENDMENT NO.15) ORDINANCE 2021**

An Ordinance to amend the Protection of Public Health (Covid-19) Ordinance 2021.

R. Thomson
ADMINISTRATOR

14 June 2021

BE it enacted by the Administrator of the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia as follows:—

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Protection of Public Health (Covid-19) (Amendment No.15) Ordinance 2021.

(2) This Ordinance comes into force on 15 June 2021.

Amendment of the Protection of Public Health (Covid-19) Ordinance 2021

2. The Protection of Public Health (Covid-19) Ordinance 2021 **(a)** is amended in accordance with this Ordinance.

(a) Ordinance 2/2021, amended by Ordinances 5/2021, 7/2021, 8/2021, 9/2021, 10/2021, 11/2021, 14/2021, 15/2021, 16/2021, 17/2021, 18/2021, 19/2021, 20/2021 and 21/2020.

Repeal of section 6 and Schedule 1 (prohibition on movement of people between 1am and 5am)

3. Section 6 and Schedule 1 are repealed.

Amendment of section 13 (measures relating to businesses)

4. Omit section 13(13).

Amendment of section 13A (recreational activities)

5. Omit section 13A(6).

Amendment of section 23 (number of persons permitted to enter premises)

6.—(1) Section 23 is amended in accordance with this section.

(2) In subsection (1), for “10”, substitute “7”.

(3) Omit subsection (3).

(4) In subsection (4), for “10”, substitute “7”.

(5) In subsection (4A) after “shopping centre” insert “or retail business”.

Repeal of section 24 (number of persons permitted to work at a private business)

7. Section 24 is repealed.

Amendment of section 31 (community councils and municipality councils)

8.—(1) Section 31 is amended in accordance with this section.

(2) Omit subsections (1) to (2C).

(3) For subsection (3), substitute—

“(3) Community councils and municipality councils may grant special leave by reason of public health to a person employed by them (“the employee”) where—

(a) the application of section 23 or of the relevant health and safety guidelines prevent all the employees of the council from being present at their normal workplace, and

(b) it is not possible for the employee to do the work remotely.”.

(4) Omit subsection (4).

(5) In subsection (5), omit “ apply subsection (4) so as to”.

Repeal of Schedule 2 (Form B: Declaration of Citizens’ Movements by Exception)

9. Schedule 2 is repealed.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Ordinance)

1. This explanatory note relates to the Protection of Public Health (Covid-19) (Amendment No.15) Ordinance 2021 ("the Ordinance"). It has been prepared by the Office of the Attorney General and Legal Adviser in order to assist the reader of the Ordinance. It does not form part of the Ordinance.

2. The Ordinance is intended, in particular, to mirror certain provisions of the Quarantine (Determination of Measures for the Prevention of the Spread of Corona Virus Covid-19) Order (No.23) of 2021 (P.I. 236/2021).

3. Sections 2 to 9 amend the Protection of Public Health (Covid-19) Ordinance 2021 ("the principal Ordinance").

4. Sections 3, 4, 5 and 7 repeal provisions of the principal Ordinance that lapsed after the 9 June 2021. These concerned the curfew between 1am and 5am, the prohibition on operating a nightclub, reception hall, disco, music venue or dance venue, the prohibition on using swimming pools except for certain purposes, and the limitation on the number of employees who could be present on the premises of a private business.

5. Section 6 amends section 23 of the principal Ordinance, which provides for the maximum number of persons who may be present on the premises of an establishment where services are being provided to the public. Except in the case of shopping centres and retail businesses, or where relevant health and safety guidelines provide otherwise, the ratio is changed from 1 person per 10 square metres to 1 person per 7 square metres. Subsection (3), on the interpretation of "the public" in the context of a military establishment, is also repealed (but section 2(4), on the same matter, remains in force).

6. Section 8 amends section 31 of the principal Ordinance. It removes the provision that provided that the section lapsed on 9 June. It removes the requirement for community and municipality councils to limit the number of their employees who work in their normal workplace. It allows such councils to grant special leave by reason of public health to employees who cannot work remotely, where section 23 or the relevant health and safety guidelines prevent all the employees from being present at their normal workplace. It requires the councils to ensure that, as between employees, that provision is applied fairly.

7. Section 9 repeals Schedule 2, which contained Form B, the form that used to be required for leaving a place of residence outside of curfew hours.

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