

Ordinance 24 of 2021

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**PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH (COVID-19)
(AMENDMENT NO.17) ORDINANCE 2021**

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

R. Thomson
ADMINISTRATOR

07 July 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.17) Ordinance 2021.

(2) This Ordinance comes into force on 8 July 2021.

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

2. After section 27A (Covid-19 testing on return to workplace) of the Protection of Public Health (Covid-19) Ordinance 2021(a), insert—

(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 and 17/2021, 18/2021, 19/2021, 20/2021, 21/2021, 22/2021 and 23/2021.

“Leave entitlement to receive a COVID-19 vaccination

27B.—(1) Subject to subsections (2), (3) and (4), in addition to any other leave entitlement, an employee is entitled to take one day of paid leave—

(a) on a day where the employee escorts a child of theirs under the age of 18 or a person under their care and supervision as a guardian within the meaning of the Children Ordinance^(a) to receive a dose of COVID-19 vaccination, and

(b) on a day where the employee receives a dose of COVID-19 vaccination.

(2) The entitlement referred to in subsection (1) is conditional upon the employee providing the employer with proof, if requested by the employer within a reasonable period of time after the leave was taken, that the vaccination to which the entitlement relates was administered.

(3) This section does not apply to the Crown in relation to its employment of—

(a) members of Her Majesty’s Armed Forces, and

(b) the civilian personnel accompanying those armed forces.

(4) This section does not apply to authorised service organisations in relation to their employment of civilian personnel accompanying Her Majesty’s Armed Forces.”.

(a) Cap. 352.

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.17) 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 amendments are intended to mirror certain provisions of the Quarantine (Determination of Measures for the Prevention of the Spread of Corona Virus Covid-19) Order (No.27) of 2021 (P.I. 285/2021).

3. Section 2 amends the Protection of Public Health (Covid-19) Ordinance 2021 ("the principal Ordinance"). It inserts a new provision into the principal Ordinance to provide that employees are entitled to 1 day of paid leave to either receive a dose of COVID-19 vaccine, or to escort children under their care to receive a dose of COVID-19 vaccine. This does not apply to members of Her Majesty's Forces and the civilian staff accompanying them, including as employees of an Authorised Service Organisation (but it does apply to locally employed civilians).

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