

Annex 1

Places of Public Entertainment Licence

Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance

- Under Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance, Cap.172 (Ordinance), a person keeps or uses any place of public entertainment is required to obtain a licence.

Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance

- The purpose of the Ordinance is to ensure public safety and order at places of entertainment where members of the public congregate, including fire safety, building safety, electrical equipment, ventilation system, hygiene and crowd management.

Place of Public Entertainment

- “Place of public entertainment” is defined in the Ordinance to mean –

- a) so much of any place, building, erection or structure, whether temporary or permanent, capable of accommodating the public; and*
- b) any vessel,*

in or on which a public entertainment is presented or carried on whether on one occasion or more.

Entertainment

According to Schedule 1 of the Ordinance,
“Entertainment” includes :

- a) *a concert, opera, ballet, stage performance or other musical, dramatic or theatrical entertainment*
- b) *a cinematograph or laser projection display*
- c) *a circus*
- d) *lecture or story-telling*

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- e) *an exhibition of any 1 or more of the following, namely, pictures, photographs, books, manuscripts or other documents or other things*
- f) *a sporting exhibition or contest*
- g) *a bazaar*
- h) *an amusement ride within the meaning of the Amusement Rides (Safety) Ordinance (Cap 449) or any mechanical device (other than such an amusement ride) which is designed for amusement*
- i) *a dance party*

Public Entertainment

- “Public entertainment” is defined in the Ordinance to mean any entertainment within the meaning of the Ordinance to which the general public is admitted with or without payment.

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- If an activity is considered falling within the definition of “public entertainment” under the Ordinance, the place where such activity carries on should be covered by a Places of Public Entertainment Licence granted under PPE Regulations (Cap.172A) :
 - *under section 3 for Cinema/Theatre*
 - *under section 162 for those other than Cinema/Theatre*

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- The requirement of a licence under the Ordinance does not apply to entertainment held in any public place to which the public has right of access and the organiser has no right to control the admission of the public.

Temporary Places of Public Entertainment Licence

- If a public entertainment event will take place on a temporary basis, the operator shall apply for a Temporary Places of Public Entertainment Licence.

Processing time for licence application

- The normal timeframes for submission of the application for licence are as follows :
 - *at least 42 days for function requiring erection of temporary structure ; or*
 - *at least 18 days for function other than dance party not requiring erection of temporary structure ; or*
 - *at least 7 working days for dance party not requiring erection of temporary structure.*

Thank You