

THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT

REGULATIONS
(under section 14)

THE PUBLIC HEALTH (IMMUNIZATION) REGULATIONS, 1986

(Made by the Minister on the 7th day of August, 1986.)

L.N. 156/86

[1st September, 1986.]

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Health (Immunization) Regulations, 1986.

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

“child” means a person who is, or in the case of a person whose age is uncertain, appears to be, less than seven years of age;

“contra-indications” means any symptom which indicates that it is likely to be injurious to the health for a person to be immunized;

“immunization” means the process of developing in a person antibodies for protection against diphtheria, pertussis, poliomyelitis, tetanus, tuberculosis, measles or any other disease prescribed by the Minister, by the administering of any immunizing agent approved for the purpose by the Medical Officer (Health) and includes vaccinations and inoculations;

“parent” includes the guardian or person in charge of or having custody of a child;

“public immunization officer” means any Medical Officer or any other person authorized by the Medical Officer (Health) to perform immunizations;

“school” includes day nurseries, day-care centres and basic schools.

3.—(1) Immunization may be performed by a public immunization officer or by a medical practitioner.

(2) Immunization performed by a public immunization officer for the purpose of these Regulations and any examination or certificate issued in connection therewith, shall be free of charge.

4. Every public immunization officer and every medical practitioner shall use only such immunization agent as approved by the Medical Officer (Health).

5.—(1) It shall be the duty of every parent of any child to have the child immunized.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), the parent of every child within the Island shall cause such child—

(a) to be immunized within one year of the child's birth or soon thereafter; and

(b) to be re-immunized at such times as may be specified by the Minister or any Medical Officer authorized by him in that behalf, in respect of any disease.

(3) Paragraph (2) shall not apply to any child in respect of whom there are contra-indications or if the child is not physically fit to be immunized, and a certificate has been issued by a public immunization officer or a medical practitioner in the form set out as Form A in the Schedule and is in effect.

Schedule.
Form A.

6.—(1) In any case where a public immunization officer or a medical practitioner is of opinion that a child examined by him for immunization shows signs of contra-indications or is not physically fit to be immunized, he shall issue a certificate to this effect and deliver it to the parent of the child.

(2) A certificate that a child is not physically fit to be immunized shall remain in force for three months, but shall be renewable for a like period from time to time until such time as the public immunization officer or the medical practitioner considers that the child is physically fit to be immunized.

Form B.

7. A certificate of immunization, together with the particulars set out in Form B in the Schedule, shall be issued by the public immunization officer or the medical practitioner who performed the immunization to any child who is fully immunized.

8. Any public immunization officer or medical practitioner who immunizes any child for the purpose of these Regulations, shall keep a record of the immunization which shall include the date the child was seen, the immunizing agent used and any other relevant information.

9.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the person authorized to admit pupils to any school shall not admit any child, or if already admitted, shall not permit any child to continue attending any such school, unless such child or his parent produces, after having been requested to do so, a certificate of immunization issued by a public immunization officer or a medical practitioner for the child.

(2) If a child or his parent produces a certificate of contraindications or a certificate that the child is not physically fit to be immunized, signed by a public immunization officer or medical practitioner, a certificate of immunization is not required for the purpose of paragraph (1):

Provided that where there is an expiry date on the certificate, the child shall be requested to produce a fresh certificate on its expiration, and on failure to produce a certificate, the child shall not be admitted to the school until a certificate is produced.

10. Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any of the provisions of these Regulations shall be guilty of an offence, and shall be liable on summary conviction thereof in a Resident Magistrate's Court to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or in default of payment thereof, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding thirty days.

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SCHEDULE

FORM A

(Regulation 5 (3))

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Certificate of Medical Contra-Indications
Unfitness for Immunization

I hereby certify that in respect of.....
(age) of
.....
there are medical contra-indications relative to immunization generally/
immunization against/
is physically unfit*, and accordingly, he/she* should not be immunized.

This certificate shall be valid until*

Dated:

.....
Public Immunization Officer/Medical
Practitioner*

*Delete as appropriate.

FORM B

(Regulation 7)

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Certificate of Immunization

Name Date of Birth

IMMUNIZATION	AGE IMMUNIZATION GIVEN:				
	1ST	2ND	3RD	Booster	
				4TH	5TH
1. D.P.T.*					
2. Polio*					
3. D.T.					
4. Tet. Tox. (T.T.)					
5. Rubella					
6. Measles (Rubeola)					
7. B.C.G.					
8. Other (Specify)					

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SCHEDULE, *contd.*
FORM B, *contd.*

DATE	RESULT	DATE	RESULT
Diam. of Reaction			
Tuberculin Test			
Other (Specify)			

I hereby certify that
(aged) of
.....
has been fully immunized by me as is shown above.

Dated.....

.....
*Public Immunization Officer / Medical
Practitioner***

*These require 3 doses to be fully immunized.
**Delete as appropriate.