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Health Act 1911

Health (Smoking in Enclosed Public Places) Regulations 2003

1. Citation

These regulations may be cited as the *Health (Smoking in Enclosed Public Places) Regulations 2003*.

2. Commencement

These regulations come into operation on 1 December 2003.

3. Interpretation

In these regulations, unless the contrary intention appears —

“adequate ventilation” means natural or mechanical ventilation, or both, that meets the ventilation performance requirements described in FP4.3, FP4.4 and FP4.5 of the Building Code of Australia 1996 issued by the Australian Building Codes Board as amended from time to time;

“adjoining” means contiguous to and forming part of the same physical space;

“bar or lounge area” means an area of licensed premises that is primarily or predominantly used for the consumption of liquor;

“Burswood Casino” means the premises at Burswood Island that are the subject of a casino gaming licence granted under the *Casino Control Act 1984*;

“cabaret or nightclub” means the public area of premises that are the subject of —

- (a) a cabaret licence granted under the *Liquor Licensing Act 1988*; or
- (b) a condition of any other kind of licence, order or permit under the *Liquor Licensing Act 1988* —
 - (i) to the effect that a provision of that Act relating to cabaret licences applies to that area; or
 - (ii) that otherwise has an effect in relation to that area that is similar to a provision of that Act relating to cabaret licences;

“covered area” means an area of premises that —

- (a) is predominantly outside the permanent external walls of the premises;
- (b) has a ceiling or roof; and
- (c) has at least 2 sides that —
 - (i) border an outdoor area of the premises or an area outside the premises; and
 - (ii) are primarily or predominantly comprised of openable windows, doors or retractable coverings;

“dining area” means an area of licensed premises that is primarily or predominantly used for the consumption of meals rather than liquor;

“licensed premises” has the same meaning as in the *Liquor Licensing Act 1988*;

“liquor” has the same meaning as in the *Liquor Licensing Act 1988*;

“meal” means a genuine meal, not supplied in sandwich form, eaten or to be eaten by a person while seated at a dining table or counter;

“non-smoking area” means a non-smoking area referred to in Schedule 1 item 4;

“occupier”, in relation to an enclosed public place, means a person having the management or control, or otherwise being in charge, of that place;

“premises”, without limiting its definition in section 3(1) of the Act, includes a building or part of a building that comprises one or more areas that are a subject of one or more licences, orders, permits or approvals granted or issued under the *Casino Control Act 1984*, the *Gaming Commission Act 1987* or the *Liquor Licensing Act 1988* where the grant or issue of such a licence, order, permit or approval is to the same person as the grant or issue of the other licences, orders, permits or approvals;

“prohibited”, in regulations 13(1), 13(2) and 14(1), means prohibited by regulation 4(1);

“public area” means an area of premises normally frequented by the public, other than a corridor, stairway, lift, toilet, lobby or waiting area;

“restaurant licence”, in relation to an area, means —

- (a) a restaurant licence granted under the *Liquor Licensing Act 1988* that applies to that area; or
- (b) a condition of any other kind of licence, order or permit under the *Liquor Licensing Act 1988* —
 - (i) to the effect that a provision of that Act relating to restaurant licences applies to that area; or
 - (ii) that otherwise has an effect in relation to that area that is similar to a provision of that Act relating to restaurant licences;

“smoking prohibited symbol” means the symbol designated in Australian Standard 2899.1 — 1986, published by Standards Australia, to indicate that smoking is prohibited.

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*[Regulation 3 amended in Gazette 30 Nov 2004 p. 5489;
18 Oct 2005 p. 4619.]*

4. Prohibition on smoking in enclosed public places

- (1) Smoking is prohibited in an enclosed public place.
- (2) A person who smokes in an enclosed public place in contravention of subregulation (1) commits an offence.

5. Exemptions

- (1) Regulation 4(1) does not apply to an enclosed public place specified, or of a kind specified, in the first column of Schedule 1 if the conditions specified in respect of that place, or kind of place, in the second column of that Schedule are met.
- (2) Despite subregulation (1), regulation 4(1) applies to an enclosed public place that is located in premises referred to in regulation 7(1) unless the place is the one in which smoking is allowed under regulation 7(1).
- (3) Despite subregulation (1), regulation 4(1) applies to an enclosed public place, other than the International Room, that is located at Burswood Casino.

[(4), (5) repealed]

*[Regulation 5 amended in Gazette 30 Nov 2004 p. 5489-90;
28 Jan 2005 p. 359; 18 Oct 2005 p. 4619-20.]*

6. Prohibition on smoking in non-smoking areas in certain exempt enclosed public places

Despite regulation 5(1), a person who smokes in a non-smoking area commits an offence.

7. If more than one exempt place in premises, smoking restricted to one place

- (1) If premises comprise more than one enclosed public place of a kind referred to in Schedule 1 item 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5, smoking is prohibited in all but one of those places at any one time.
- (2) Despite subregulation (1), and without affecting regulation 5(1) in respect of Schedule 1 item 6, smoking is prohibited in all the enclosed public places at Burswood Casino except the International Room.

[Regulation 7 inserted in Gazette 18 Oct 2005 p. 4620.]

[8. Repealed in Gazette 18 Oct 2005 p. 4620.]

9. Defence to prosecution for smoking in certain places

A person does not commit an offence under regulation 4(2) or 6 if, proof of which is on the person, the person is an actor, artist or other performer who smokes for the purposes of a performance.

10. Environmental health officers to notify occupiers before taking action under these regulations

- (1) An environmental health officer must take reasonable steps to notify the occupier of an enclosed public place of the officer's presence before the officer takes any action for purposes connected with the operation of these regulations.
- (2) Subregulation (1) does not apply to action that is taken only for the purposes of assessing whether or not these regulations are being complied with.

11. Directions by environmental health officers

- (1) If an environmental health officer has reason to believe that a person has committed or is committing an offence under regulation 4(2) or 6, the environmental health officer may direct the person to state his or her name and residential address.

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- (2) If an environmental health officer has reason to believe that a person is committing an offence under regulation 4(2) or 6 the environmental health officer may direct the person to stop smoking in the enclosed public place or non-smoking area of the place.
- (3) A direction under subregulation (1) or (2) may be given orally or in writing and if given orally must be reduced to writing as soon as is practicable.
- (4) A person who —
- (a) does not comply with a direction under subregulation (1) or (2); or
 - (b) gives information that is false or misleading in a material particular in response to a direction under subregulation (1),
- commits an offence.
- (5) In proceedings for an offence under subregulation (4) a statement —
- (a) signed or purporting to be signed by the Executive Director, Public Health;
 - (b) to which is attached a copy of a direction given under subregulation (1) or (2); and
 - (c) stating that the direction —
 - (i) was given by the environmental health officer referred to in the statement; and
 - (ii) was in force at the time specified in the statement,

is, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, sufficient evidence of the direction and of the facts set out in the statement.

12. Offence by occupier

- (1) If a person commits an offence under regulation 4(2) or 6 the occupier of the enclosed public place commits an offence.

- (2) It is a defence to a prosecution for an offence under subregulation (1) if the defendant proves that neither the defendant nor any employee or agent of the defendant provided any ashtray, matches, lighter, or other thing that could facilitate smoking, in the enclosed public place or non-smoking area of the place and that —
- (a) neither the defendant nor any employee or agent of the defendant was aware, or could reasonably be expected to have been aware, that the offence was occurring; or
 - (b) as soon as the defendant or an employee or agent of the defendant became aware that the offence was occurring, the defendant or an employee or agent of the defendant —
 - (i) informed the person concerned that the person was committing an offence;
 - (ii) requested the person to stop smoking in the enclosed public place or non-smoking area and to extinguish, and properly dispose of, the tobacco product; and
 - (iii) (if the person failed to comply with a request under subparagraph (ii)) requested the person to leave the enclosed public place or non-smoking area until the person finished smoking the tobacco product.
- [(iv), (v) deleted]

[Regulation 12 amended in Gazette 10 Dec 2003 p. 5029.]

13. Duty to prevent spread of smoke

- (1) If smoking is prohibited in an enclosed public place but not in another part of the premises where the place is located, the occupier of the place must, unless the place has adequate ventilation, take reasonable steps to prevent smoke caused by smoking in the other part of the premises from penetrating the place.

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- (2) If smoking is prohibited in an enclosed public place but not in another part of the premises where the place is located, the occupier of the other part of the premises must, unless the place has adequate ventilation, take reasonable steps to prevent smoke caused by smoking in the other part of the premises from penetrating the place.
- (3) A person who fails, without reasonable excuse, to comply with subregulation (1) or (2) commits an offence.

14. Occupier to display signs

- (1) An occupier of an enclosed public place where smoking is prohibited or of a non-smoking area must display, or cause to be displayed, at the place or area signs that comply with the requirements of subregulation (2) —
 - (a) in such numbers; and
 - (b) in such positions,

as would ensure that a sign is likely to be seen by a person at a public entrance to the place or by a person in the place or area.

- (2) A sign must —
 - (a) contain —
 - (i) the phrase “no smoking” or “smoking prohibited” in letters that are at least 20 mm in height;
 - (ii) the smoking prohibited symbol with a diameter of at least 70 mm; or
 - (iii) other words or symbols that indicate clearly that smoking is prohibited;
 - and
 - (b) indicate clearly where smoking is prohibited.
- (3) A person who contravenes subregulation (1) commits an offence.

- (4) It is a defence to a prosecution for an offence under subregulation (3) if the defendant proves that —
- (a) persons within the place or area could reasonably be expected to know, by custom or otherwise, that smoking is not permitted in the place or area; and
 - (b) persons do not usually smoke in the place or area.

15. Penalties

A person who is convicted of an offence under these regulations is liable —

- (a) if the offender is an individual —
 - (i) to a penalty which is not more than \$500; and
 - (ii) if the offence is a continuing offence, to a daily penalty which is not more than \$50;and
- (b) if the offender is a body corporate —
 - (i) to a penalty which is not more than \$5 000; and
 - (ii) if the offence is a continuing offence, to a daily penalty which is not more than \$500.

16. *Health (Smoking in Enclosed Public Places) Regulations 1999* repealed

The *Health (Smoking in Enclosed Public Places) Regulations 1999* are repealed.

Schedule 1 — Exempt places

[r. 5(1)]

Enclosed public place	Conditions
1. Bar or lounge area adjoining (but not including) a dining area	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The bar or lounge area is not a subject of a restaurant licence.2. Meals are not served or consumed in the bar or lounge area except at a bar counter.3. The bar or lounge area has adequate ventilation.4. There is no other separately enclosed public place within the premises in which the bar or lounge area is located that comprises another bar or lounge area.
2. Bar or lounge area not adjoining a dining area	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The bar or lounge area is not a subject of a restaurant licence.2. Meals are not served or consumed in the bar or lounge area except at a bar counter.3. The bar or lounge area has adequate ventilation.
3. Allocated room in restaurant	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The allocated room is a separate and enclosed room within an area that is a subject of a restaurant licence.2. Meals are not served or consumed in the allocated room.3. The allocated room has adequate ventilation.4. There is only one allocated room in the area referred to in condition 1.

Enclosed public place	Conditions
	5. The allocated room is not, or does not form part of, the main access way to the area referred to in condition 1.
4. Cabaret or nightclub	1. The cabaret or nightclub has adequate ventilation. 2. 80% of the floor space of the cabaret or nightclub is set aside as a non-smoking area.
5. Covered area	1. One or more of the windows, doors or retractable coverings referred to in paragraph (c)(ii) of the definition of "covered area" in regulation 3 are open so that the covered area is not substantially enclosed.
6. International Room at Burswood Casino	1. The room has adequate ventilation.

[Schedule 1 inserted in Gazette 18 Oct 2005 p. 4620-1.]

Notes

- ¹ This is a compilation of the *Health (Smoking in Enclosed Public Places) Regulations 2003* and includes the amendments made by the other written laws referred to in the following table ^{1a}.

Compilation table

Citation	Gazettal	Commencement
<i>Health (Smoking in Enclosed Public Places) Regulations 2003</i>	14 Nov 2003 p. 4703-20	1 Dec 2003 (see r. 2)
<i>Health (Smoking in Enclosed Public Places) Amendment Regulations 2003</i>	10 Dec 2003 p. 5029	10 Dec 2003
<i>Health (Smoking in Enclosed Public Places) Amendment Regulations 2004</i>	30 Nov 2004 p.5489-90	30 Nov 2004
<i>Health (Smoking in Enclosed Public Places) Amendment Regulations 2005</i>	28 Jan 2005 p. 359	28 Jan 2005
<i>Health (Smoking in Enclosed Public Places) Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2005</i>	18 Oct 2005 p. 4619-21	1 Nov 2005 (see r. 2)

- ^{1a} On the date as at which this compilation was prepared, provisions referred to in the following table had not come into operation and were therefore not included in this compilation. For the text of the provisions see the endnotes referred to in the table.

Provisions that have not come into operation

Citation	Gazettal	Commencement
<i>Health (Smoking in Enclosed Public Places) Regulations 2004</i> r. 10 ²	30 Nov 2004 p. 5507-14	31 Jul 2006 (see r. 2)

- ² On the date as at which this compilation was prepared the *Health (Smoking in Enclosed Public Places) Regulations 2004* r. 10 had not come into operation. It reads as follows:

“

10. *Health (Smoking in Enclosed Public Places) Regulations 2003* repealed

The *Health (Smoking in Enclosed Public Places) Regulations 2003* are repealed.

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