

L.N. 130 of 2015

Travel Agents (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2015

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 50(2) of the Travel Agents Ordinance (Cap. 218) and section 29 of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Cap. 1))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 20 November 2015.

2. Interpretation

In this Regulation—

concession period (寬免期) means the period beginning on 20 November 2015 and ending at midnight on 19 November 2016;

principal Ordinance (《主體條例》) means the Travel Agents Ordinance (Cap. 218);

principal Regulations (《主體規例》) means the Travel Agents Regulations (Cap. 218 sub. leg. A).

3. Concessions on fees payable under principal Regulations

The fees payable under regulation 8(1) of the principal Regulations are subject to the concessions provided for in this Regulation.

4. Fee payable for application of licence

If an application for a licence is made under section 10 of the principal Ordinance on a date that falls within the concession period, the fee specified in item 1 of the First Schedule to the principal Regulations is waived in respect of the application.

5. Fee payable for licence or renewal of licence

(1) If—

(a) a licence is granted under section 11 of the principal Ordinance; and

(b) the term of the licence begins on a date that falls within the concession period,

the fee specified in item 2 of the First Schedule to the principal Regulations is waived in respect of the licence.

(2) If—

(a) a licence is renewed under section 11 of the principal Ordinance because of the operation of section 15(3) of that Ordinance; and

(b) the term of the renewed licence begins on a date that falls within the concession period,

the fee specified in item 2 of the First Schedule to the principal Regulations is waived in respect of the renewal of the licence.

(3) However, the total amount of fees that is waived under this section—

(a) in respect of a licence and any renewal of the licence; or

(b) in respect of a renewal of a licence and any further renewal of the licence,

is subject to a maximum amount of \$2,910.

6. Fee payable for amending licence

If—

- (a) a licence is amended to permit the carrying on of the business of a travel agent at an additional address, as mentioned in regulation 12(b) of the principal Regulations; and
- (b) both the date on which the amendment is made and the earliest date on which the business is permitted to be carried on at the address fall within the concession period,

the fee specified in item 4(a) of the First Schedule to the principal Regulations is waived in respect of the amendment.

7. Fee payable for issuing duplicate of licence

- (1) If—
 - (a) a duplicate of a licence is to be issued under regulation 12(a) of the principal Regulations on a date that falls within the concession period; and
 - (b) the fee specified in item 2 of the First Schedule to the principal Regulations is waived under section 5 in respect of the whole or part of the term of the licence,50% of the fee specified in item 5 of that Schedule is waived in respect of the issue of the duplicate.
- (2) If a duplicate of a licence is to be issued under regulation 12(b) of the principal Regulations on a date that falls within the concession period, the fee specified in item 5 of the First Schedule to the principal Regulations is waived in respect of the issue of the duplicate.

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Explanatory Note

This Regulation provides for concessions on certain fees payable in respect of a travel agent's licence under the Travel Agents Regulations (Cap. 218 sub. leg. A) within the period from 20 November 2015 to 19 November 2016.