

L.N. 3 of 2026

Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Licensing of Livestock Keeping) (Amendment) Regulation 2026

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 3 of the Public Health (Animals and Birds) Ordinance (Cap. 139) and section 29 of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Cap. 1))

1. Commencement

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), this Regulation comes into operation on 15 January 2026.
- (2) Section 5 comes into operation on 15 January 2027.

2. Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Licensing of Livestock Keeping) Regulation amended

The Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Licensing of Livestock Keeping) Regulation (Cap. 139 sub. leg. L) is amended as set out in sections 3, 4 and 5.

3. Section 12 added

After section 11—

Add

“12. Refund of specified fees paid for renewal of certain licences

- (1) If—
 - (a) a licence is renewed under section 4(3) before 15 January 2026; and
 - (b) the validity period of the licence as renewed covers the whole of the period from 15 January 2026 to 14 January 2027 (both dates inclusive),

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the Director must refund one-third of the amount of the specified fee paid for the renewal.

- (2) In this section—
validity period (有效期), in relation to a licence, means the period specified in the licence as the period during which the licence is valid.
- (3) This section expires at midnight on 14 January 2027.”.

4. Schedule 2 amended (specified fees)

- (1) Schedule 2, item 1—

Repeal

“Grant or renewal of a licence under section 4”

Substitute

“Grant of a licence under section 4 at any time or renewal of a licence under that section outside the period mentioned in item 1B”.

- (2) Schedule 2, before item 2—

Add

- “1B. Renewal of a licence under section 4 during the period from 15 January 2026 to 14 January 2027 (both dates inclusive)—

	Holding capacity*	
(a) Pigs (No.)	below 200	500
	200– 399	700
	400– 599	900
	600– 999	1,000
	1 000– 1 999	2,000

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	2 000– 2 999	2,200
	3 000– 3 999	2,400
	4 000– 4 999	2,600
	5 000– 5 999	2,800
	6 000 or above	3,000
(b) Specified birds	below 2 000	500
(No.)	2 000– 3 999	700
	4 000– 5 999	900
	6 000– 9 999	1,000
	10 000–19 999	2,000
	20 000–29 999	2,200
	30 000–39 999	2,400
	40 000–49 999	2,600
	50 000–59 999	2,800
	60 000 or above	3,000

* Holding capacity is calculated by reference to the following stocking density of each type of animal, i.e. 0.0747m² per chicken; 0.093m² per layer; 0.075m² per pigeon; 0.0093m² per quail; 2.52m² per pig; 0.023m² per duck/goose.”.

5. Schedule 2 amended (specified fees)

(1) Schedule 2, item 1—

Repeal

“Grant of a licence under section 4 at any time or renewal of a licence under that section outside the period mentioned in item 1B”

Substitute

“Grant or renewal of a licence under section 4”.

(2) Schedule 2—

Repeal item 1B.

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Explanatory Note

This Regulation amends the Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Licensing of Livestock Keeping) Regulation (Cap. 139 sub. leg. L) to prescribe a lower fee for the renewal, within the period from 15 January 2026 to 14 January 2027 (both dates inclusive), of a licence to keep livestock in or on premises in respect of which the licence is granted within a livestock waste restriction area or a livestock waste control area.