

TOURISM SERVICES REGULATIONS (TOURIST GUIDES)

In accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 8 of the Guides Ordinance (hereafter: "the Ordinance")\* and Sections 14(a) and 2(d) of the Law and Administration Ordinance 5708-1948, I hereby enact these regulations:

Definitions: 1. In these regulations -

"The Minister" - the Minister of Tourism;

"The Officer-in-Charge" - a Civil Servant whom the Minister has appointed for the purpose of these regulations;

"Board" - the Examination Board appointed according to the provisions of regulation 4;

"Council" - the Advisory Council on Guides' Ethics appointed according to the provisions of regulation 5;

"Licence" - licence to act as a Guide according to the Ordinance;

"Business" - a place where goods or services are sold or rendered to the consumer.

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\*Now according to sections 3,4,11,20 and 24 of the Tourism Services Law, 5736-1976.

- Eligibility for Guide Licence: (5748-1988) 2. The Officer-in-Charge may grant a Guide Licence to an applicant if the following conditions are fulfilled:
- (1) He is a resident of Israel;
  - (2) He is over 21;
  - (3) He provides a certificate from the Israel Police that he has no criminal record;
  - (4) He has passed the examinations according to these regulations.
- Application for Licence: (5748-1988) 3. (a) A person who has fulfilled the conditions of regulation 2 is entitled to apply to the Officer-in-Charge for a Licence on the form prescribed for that purpose by the Officer-in-Charge.
- (b) The application will be accompanied by two passport photographs of the applicant together with additional certificates as required by the Officer-in-Charge.
- Exemption for Special Reasons: (5728-1967) 3A. The Officer-in-Charge is entitled to grant exemption from the provisions of these regulations, all or in part, for special reasons, to a person wishing to act as a guide, if the following are fulfilled:
- (1) On the 25th day of Iyar 5727 (4th June 1967) he was a resident of the area described in the Appendix to the Law and Administration Order (No. 1), 5727-1967.
  - (2) He is in possession of a guide licence granted by the authorities of the area mentioned above in (1).
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- Appointment of Examinations Committee: 4. The Officer-in-Charge will appoint an Examination Committee composed of at least three members from among those he considers suitable for the position.
- Appointment of Committee: (5732-1972) 5. A committee will be set up, composed of seven members who are knowledgeable in tourism matters; the Chairman will be appointed from among the Ministry of Tourism employees in the Committee.

- Committee Proceedings: 6. (a) The Committee will convene for its meetings according to the Chairman's summons.
- (b) The Committee will decide according to a majority vote; if there is an equal vote the Chairman will have the casting vote.
- (c) The Committee will determine the remaining procedures for itself.
- Application for Examination: 7. An application to be examined before the Board shall be filed with the Officer-in-Charge. The applicant shall attach to it an attestation, to the satisfaction of the Officer-in-Charge, that he is a graduate of a guides' course.
- Examinations: 8. (a) Examinations shall be held at least once a year in accordance with such programmes and at such place and time as shall be prescribed by the Officer-in-Charge. Notice of such programme, place and time shall be given to the applicant.
- (b) The examinations shall be written and oral and shall be conducted under the supervision of the Board.
- (c) The results of the examinations shall be evaluated by the Board.
- Examination Certificate: 9. A candidate who has passed the examination shall receive a certificate to such effect signed by the Chairman of the Board.
- Types of Licences: (5732-1972) 9A. A licence will be one of the following:
- (1) National, for the whole of the State;
- (2) District, for the district designated therein;
- (3) Local, for the locality designated therein.

- Lapse of local licence:  
(5732-1972)
- 9B. The validity of a local licence will lapse if one of the following occurs:
- (1) The period designated in it has expired;
  - (2) It is no longer required, in the opinion of the Officer-in-Charge, for the purpose for which it was issued and a notice to that effect was sent to the licence-holder by registered mail.
- Not to act as a guide without a licence:  
(5738-1978)
- 9C. A person will not act as a guide for consideration, will not take passengers for consideration as a guide and will not offer his services as a guide for consideration, unless he is in possession of a licence.
- Fulfilling conditions of licence:  
(5732-1972;  
5738-1978)
- 9D. A guide will not act as a guide and will not offer his services other than according to the type of licence he has and according to its conditions.
- Validity of licence:  
(5732-1972)
10. The period of validity of a licence is until 31st December following the day it was given, unless a shorter period has been fixed.
- Loss of licence:
11. Where a licence has been lost or become obliterated, the holder shall notify the Officer-in-Charge to such effect and shall be entitled to receive a duplicate.
- Fees:  
(Notice  
5749-1988)
12. (a) A fee of IS 28.00 is payable upon the grant or renewal of a licence.
- (b) The fee according to (a) above will be paid as increased according to the rate of inflation of the Consumer Price Index as published each June of every year, as against the index of June 1977, and when it is rounded up to the nearest lira.

(c) In this regulation, "Consumer Price Index" or "Index" - the consumer price index fixed by the Central Bureau of Statistics, notwithstanding if it is published by any other government institution, including any other index which may replace it, whether or not built on the same data as the existing index; if another index is introduced, the Central Bureau of Statistics will determine the relationship between it and the former index.

(d) An announcement of the changes in the fees will be published in "Reshumot".

Wearing  
Licence:  
(5750-1990)

13. (a) A guide shall, while acting or while offering his services as a guide, wear his licence on a prominent place on his coat or shirt.

(b) Where the licence has been cancelled, suspended, or has expired, the guide shall return the licence to the Officer-in-Charge within 7 days from the day a notice to that effect was sent to him by registered mail.

Renewal of  
Licences:

14. A guide's licence shall not be renewed unless he has taken part in supplementary courses prescribed by the Officer-in-Charge and notice of which has been sent to him by registered mail.

Suspension and  
Cancellation of  
Licence:

15. The Officer-in-Charge may, after consultation with the Committee, suspend or cancel the licence of a guide who:

- (1) while carrying out his functions as a guide advises any person to patronize a business not in possession of valid approval under the Control of Commodities and Services (Identification of Businesses for the Sale of Goods and Rendering of Services to Tourists) Order, 5727-1967 (hereinafter referred to as "approval") or directs or takes any person to such a business, under circumstances which, to the satisfaction of the Officer-in-Charge, constitute improper preference of a business not in possession of approval over a business in possession thereof; or-
- (2) does or makes any act or omission unbecoming his authorization as a guide.

Supervision:

16. The Officer-in-Charge may supervise the activities of guides and may guide, direct and instruct them in the carrying out of their functions.

Revocation:

17. The Guides Regulations, 5722-1961 (hereinafter referred to as "the expiring Regulations") are hereby revoked.

Transitional  
Provisions:

18. A person who immediately before the coming into force of these Regulations had a licence under the expiring Regulations shall be deemed to have had a licence issued to him under these Regulations.

Citation:  
(5738-1978)

19. These Regulations shall be cited as the "Tourism Services Regulations (Guides), 5727-1967".

9th Tevet, 5727 (22nd December, 1966)

MINISTER OF TOURISM