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## PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL

### Government Notifications

#### THE PUBLIC PERFORMANCE ACT, No. 07 OF 1912

THE Regulations made by the Minister of Mass Media under Sections 3 and 6 (10) of the Public Performance Act, No. 07 of 1912 as amended by Act, No. 11 of 1969.

DR. BANDULA GUNAWARDENA,  
Minister of Mass Media.

Ministry of Mass Media,  
Colombo,  
10th August 2023.

#### Regulations

01. These Regulations may be cited as the “Levy of Fees for the Licenses for Public Performances, No. 01 of 2023” and shall come into force with effect from the 15th of August, 2023. The Order No. 01 of 2015 published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 1922/49 dated 10th July 2015 is hereby cancelled.
02. Every person / entity applying for a legal license for public exhibition in Sri Lanka under the Public Performance Act, shall pay a license fee with the accompaniment of the respective application as stated below :-

#### (A) Films -

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| (i) For foreign films (inclusive of the trailer) | - Rs. | 40,000.00 |
| (ii) For local films (inclusive of the trailer)  | - Rs. | 15,000.00 |



(iii)	Where the exhibition is for trailer only	-	Rs.	1,500.00
(iv)	For DVD / Blue Ray films for limited exhibition	-	Rs.	1,500.00
(v)	Fee for availing cinema hall facilities for the purposes of (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) above or the purpose of survey	}	-	Rs. 37,500.00

(A-I) The license shall be issued within 5 working days upon the submission of the duly completed application to the Board and if a license is required within a shorter period for exigencies, an additional fee should be paid as stated hereunder :-

- (i) To obtain the license within 24 hours from the submission of an application, an extra payment of 50 percent of the stipulated fee ;
- (ii) To obtain the license on the same day of the application, an extra payment of 50 percent of the prescribed fee. (Such applications should be submitted before 9.30 a.m. on any of the working days.) ;
- (iii) Where the screening facilities are not available in the Board Theatre, the applicant shall bear the responsibility to have arranged the screening facilities on behalf of the Board within the time period in respect of such days ;
- (iv) The applicant may change the date of screening by informing the Board 48 hours in advance. However, for such information intimated within a period less than the relevant timeframe or each further subsequent change of date of screening from the first change, an extra payment of Rupees Five Thousand (Rs. 5000/=) should be paid by the applicant.

**(B) Stage Dramas**

- i. For a long duration stage drama - Rs. 1,500.00
- ii. For a short duration stage drama - Rs. 750.00

(B-I) The scripts of stage dramas should be submitted to the Board 21 days prior to the date of the public exhibition. An extra payment of 100 percent of the prescribed fee shall be charged on the drama scripts submitted thereafter.

**(C) Musical and Performing Shows**

- (i) Open air performances with the participation of local artists - Rs. 3,750.00
- (ii) Performances held in a hall with the participation of local artists - Rs. 3,000.00
- (iii) Open air performances with the participation of foreign artists - Rs. 37,500.00
- (iv) Performances held in a hall with the participation of foreign artists - Rs. 22,500.00
- (v) Stage shows and performing shows organized directly by the Television Channels - Rs. 37,500.00
- (vi) Pre-school performing shows - Rs. 2,000.00

(C-I) Applications for musical and performing shows should be submitted to the Board 10 days prior to the date of the public exhibition. An extra payment of 25 percent of the prescribed fee shall be charged on the applications submitted thereafter.

03. Fees for any performing shows which has a social, educational, cultural or religious importance may be waived off from the payment of fees by the Board at its discretion. Any request for exemption of fees thereon should be made in writing 14 days prior to the date of the public exhibition.

04. If a new license is required to be obtained in lieu of any misplaced license, a fee of Rs. 1,500.00 therefor is payable.