

COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Alternative Arrangements for Meetings for Trade Unions) Order 2020

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**COVID-19 (TEMPORARY MEASURES) ACT 2020
(ACT 14 OF 2020)**

**COVID-19 (TEMPORARY MEASURES)
(ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETINGS
FOR TRADE UNIONS) ORDER 2020**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 27 of the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020, the Minister for Law makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order is the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Alternative Arrangements for Meetings for Trade Unions) Order 2020 and is deemed to have come into operation on 27 March 2020.

Definitions

2. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires —

“branch” means a branch of a trade union;

“delegate”, “executive”, “federation” and “trade union” have the meanings given by section 2 of the Trade Unions Act (Cap. 333);

“electronic means” means electronic communication, video conferencing, tele-conferencing or other electronic means;

“meeting” means —

(a) a meeting of a trade union (including a meeting of a federation);

(b) a meeting of an executive; or

(c) a meeting of a branch;

“member” means —

(a) in the case of a meeting of a trade union (including a meeting of a federation) — a member of the trade union;

(b) in the case of a meeting of an executive — a member of the executive;

(c) in the case of a meeting of a branch — a member of the branch.

3. *[Deleted by S 823/2020 wef 29/09/2020]*

Application

4. This Order sets out the alternative arrangements to personal attendance in respect of the following classes of meetings:

(a) meetings of trade unions (including meetings of federations);

(b) meetings of executives;

(c) meetings of branches.

Alternative arrangements for meetings of trade unions, executives and branches

5.—(1) The alternative arrangements for the convening, holding, conducting or deferral of a meeting of a trade union (including a meeting of a federation), a meeting of an executive or a meeting of a branch set out in the second column of the Schedule apply in respect of the provisions of the written law or legal instrument relating to such a meeting set out in the first column of that Schedule.

(2) [*Deleted by S 248/2021 wef 06/04/2021*]

THE SCHEDULE

Paragraph 5(1)

ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETINGS OF TRADE UNIONS, EXECUTIVES AND BRANCHES

<i>First column</i>	<i>Second column</i>
<i>Provision of Trade Unions Act or rules of the trade union</i>	<i>Alternative arrangement</i>
1. Provision for convening, holding, conducting or deferral of a meeting of a trade union, a meeting of an executive or a meeting of a branch	A meeting of a trade union, a meeting of an executive or a meeting of a branch may be convened, held or conducted, whether wholly or partly, by electronic means. A meeting of a trade union, a meeting of an executive or a meeting of a branch may be deferred to a date no later than 31 December 2020.
2. Provision for attendance at a meeting of a trade union, a meeting of an executive or a meeting of a branch	A trade union may provide that a member or delegate may only attend a meeting of the trade union or a meeting of a branch — (a) by observing and listening to the proceedings of the meeting by electronic means, if access to both an audio broadcast and audio-visual broadcast is provided to the member or delegate; or (b) by appointing the chairman of the meeting as the member’s proxy or delegate’s proxy to attend, speak and vote at the meeting. A member of an executive may attend a meeting of the executive by electronic means.
3. Provision for right or entitlement to	A trade union may provide that a member or delegate may only be heard at a meeting by