

# **Healthcare Services (Emergency Ambulance Service and Medical Transport Service) Regulations 2022**

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## **HEALTHCARE SERVICES ACT 2020**

### **HEALTHCARE SERVICES (EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE AND MEDICAL TRANSPORT SERVICE) REGULATIONS 2022**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 57 of the Healthcare Services Act 2020, the Minister for Health makes the following Regulations:

#### **Citation and commencement**

**1.** These Regulations are the Healthcare Services (Emergency Ambulance Service and Medical Transport Service) Regulations 2022 and come into operation on 3 January 2022 at 8 a.m.

#### **Definitions**

**2.** In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

- “applicable service” means an emergency ambulance service or a medical transport service, as the case may be;
- “certification”, in relation to an individual, means a certification issued by a body recognised by the Director, certifying the individual’s competency in relation to a specified matter;
- “Clinical Governance Officer” means a Clinical Governance Officer appointed by a licensee under section 24(2) of the Act;
- “emergency ambulance service licensee” means a person who holds a licence to provide an emergency ambulance service;
- “emergency patient” has the meaning given by paragraph 2 of the First Schedule to the Act;
- “enrolled nurse” and “registered nurse” have the meanings given by section 2 of the Nurses and Midwives Act 1999;
- “fully registered medical practitioner” has the meaning given by section 2 of the Medical Registration Act 1997;
- “General Regulations” means the Healthcare Services (General) Regulations 2021 (G.N. No. S 1035/2021);
- “licence” means a licence under the Act authorising the licensee to provide an applicable service;
- “licensee” means an emergency ambulance licensee or a medical transport service licensee;
- “medical transport service licensee” means a person who holds a licence to provide a medical transport service;
- “relevant hospital” means any of the following healthcare institutions:
- (a) Changi General Hospital;
  - (b) Khoo Teck Puat Hospital;
  - (c) KK Women’s and Children’s Hospital;
  - (d) National University Hospital;
  - (e) Ng Teng Fong General Hospital;
  - (f) Sengkang General Hospital;
  - (g) Singapore General Hospital;

(h) Tan Tock Seng Hospital;

“service crew”, in relation to an emergency ambulance or a medical transport operated by a licensee, means a group of 2 or more service crew members deployed to the emergency ambulance or medical transport, as the case may be;

“service crew member”, in relation to a licensee, means an individual employed or engaged by the licensee and deployed to a service crew.

### **Application of Regulations**

3.—(1) Unless otherwise expressly provided in these Regulations —

- (a) the provisions of these Regulations apply in addition to the provisions of the General Regulations; and
- (b) the provisions of these Regulations prevail if, and to the extent that, there is any inconsistency between these Regulations and the General Regulations insofar as the matter relates to a licensee.

(2) To avoid doubt, these Regulations do not affect any requirement, duty or obligation that applies to or in relation to an emergency ambulance or a medical transport, or the operation or use of an emergency ambulance or a medical transport, under the Road Traffic Act 1961 or any other written law.

### **Amendment of licence to add licensed conveyances**

4.—(1) This regulation applies where a licensee applies under section 15(1)(a)(ii) of the Act to amend the licence for any of the following purposes:

- (a) in the case of an emergency ambulance service licence — to add a vehicle to the licensed conveyances specified in the licence to provide the emergency ambulance service;
- (b) in the case of a medical transport service licence — to add a vehicle to the licensed conveyances specified in the licence to provide the medical transport service.

(2) The licensee must apply to the Director to amend the licence no later than 2 months before the date on which the licensee proposes to use the vehicle to provide the emergency ambulance service or medical transport service, as the case may be.

### **General obligations of applicable licensees**

5. A licensee is responsible, in accordance with the requirements in these Regulations, for the following:

- (a) appointing one or more Clinical Governance Officers for the applicable service that the licensee is authorised to provide by a licence under the Act;
- (b) appointing a service crew for each emergency ambulance or medical transport (as the case may be) operated by the licensee, and ensuring that the service crew members of each service crew have the necessary training, competencies and certifications to provide the applicable service in a safe and efficient manner;
- (c) ensuring that —
  - (i) written care protocols relating to the assessment and management of patients transported by the applicable service are developed, implemented and maintained; and
  - (ii) each service crew member of the applicable service is trained and proficient in carrying out the written care protocols.

### **Skills and competencies of Clinical Governance Officer**

6.—(1) For the purposes of section 24(3)(b) of the Act, a suitably qualified individual to be appointed a Clinical Governance Officer for an emergency ambulance service is one who has all of the following skills and competencies:

- (a) registration under section 20(1) or (2) of the Medical Registration Act 1997 as a fully registered medical practitioner;
- (b) either of the following:
  - (i) registration under section 22 of the Medical Registration Act 1997 as a specialist in the branch of anaesthesiology, emergency medicine, general surgery or intensive care medicine;
  - (ii) at least 10 years of work experience in any or any combination of the following branches of medicine:
    - (A) anaesthesiology;
    - (B) emergency medicine;
    - (C) general surgery;
    - (D) intensive care medicine;
- (c) valid certifications of competency in both of the following:
  - (i) appointment as a Clinical Governance Officer of the emergency