



Tonga

CENSORSHIP REGULATIONS

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Made by the Prime Minister on 31st January, 1934¹

Commencement [31st January 1934]

1. The Prime Minister may appoint Boards of Censors for the Districts of Tongatapu, Ha'apai and Vava'u; such Boards shall be composed of not more than 12 persons, of whom one shall be appointed as Chairman.²
2. If any person so appointed shall be at any time unable to act the Prime Minister may appoint another person to act for the time being.
3. No person shall exhibit a cinematograph film in public or any poster or other advertisement or video tape or film relating to the exhibition in public of any cinema film or video tape or film unless he shall previously have obtained a certificate from the Board of Censors of the District where the film is to be shown that such cinema film or such poster or other advertisement is suitable for public exhibition:

Provided that the Board may at its discretion exempt, in writing, any particular film or class of film from censorship.³

4. A Board of Censors shall not issue a certificate unless the cinematograph film or poster or other advertisement or video tape or film in respect of which it is issued shall have been exhibited before 3 members of a Board of Censors and approved by at least 2 of the members and the certificate signed by them. A Board shall not approve of —
 - (a) films, portions of films or posters which encourage or justify crime or immorality;
 - (b) films, portions of films or posters which encourage or justify sedition or sabotage;
 - (c) films, portions of films or posters which are likely to give offence to any creed, friendly nationality or country.⁴