

The Local Government (Public Beaches) Regulations 1992

GN No. 172 of 1992

Repealed by [\[GN No. 90 of 2004\]](#)

Regulations made by the Minister under section 59 of the Local Government Act 1989

1. These regulations may be cited as the **Local Government (Public Beaches) Regulations 1992**.

2. In these regulations -

"authorised officer" means any officer designated by the Permanent Secretary or by the Commissioner of Police;

"Permanent Secretary" means the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of **Local Government**;

"Vessel" has the same meaning as in the National Coast Guard Act 1988.

3. No person shall, without the prior written authorisation of the Permanent Secretary, hold on any public beach, a show, fair or other meeting to which the public or any large gathering is invited or permitted to have access or is convened.

4. (1) Any person who wishes to use a public beach for the purposes of regulation 3 shall, at least 21 days before the holding of the show, fair or meeting, apply for authorisation to the Permanent Secretary in the form set out in the First Schedule.

(2) On receipt of an application the Permanent Secretary may -

(a) reject the application; or

(b) grant the application either unconditionally or subject to such conditions as he may deem appropriate.

(3) No authorisation shall be given under this regulation except on payment of the deposit and fee specified in the Second Schedule.

(4) The Minister may, where he considers it expedient, exempt an applicant from the payment of part or whole of the deposit and fee.

5. Any written authorization shall, on demand, be produced to an authorised officer.

6. Where the Permanent Secretary has ground to believe that the beach or the environment or any amenity has sustained any damage as a result of the use of the beach for the purposes of regulation 3, he shall deduct from the money deposit such amount as he may deem reasonable to compensate for the damage caused.

7. No person shall light a fire on any public beach except in such places as may be specifically designated for that purpose.

8. (1) No vessel shall, except during cyclonic conditions, be moored or kept on any part of the beach.

(2) Fishermen's boats shall be moored or kept in places specifically designed for

that purpose.

9. Where parking spaces are provided, no person shall drive, ride or park a vehicle, motorcycle, autocycle, bicycle or tricycle on the beach except in such places as may be specifically reserved for that purpose.

10. (1) Subject to Paragraph (2), no person shall allow any horse or other domestic animal on any public beach. Dogs and pets may be allowed on the beach only if kept in leash.

(2) On application being received, the Permanent Secretary may in writing authorise racing horses to such beaches and subject to such conditions as he shall determine

11. No construction or structure of any kind shall be allowed on any beach except with the authorisation of the Minister.

12. Subject to any other enactment, no person shall be entitled to have access to a public beach to sell any wares.

13. No person shall dispose of any waste or rubbish on any public beach except in such receptacles as may be provided.

14. No person shall on a public beach engage in any game or activity which is likely to cause danger to any other person or damage to any property.

15. Any person who contravenes any of these **regulations** shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding two thousand rupees or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year.

FIRST SCHEDULE
(regulation 4)

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORISATION FOR USE OF PUBLIC BEACH

(to be filled in two copies)

- (a) Name and address of applicant.....
- (b) Date, time and duration of activities
- (c) Description of activities
- (d) Approximate beach area it is proposed to use
- (e) Measures it is proposed to take to ensure that no damage is caused to the
trees, beach, environment and amenities.....

Date

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Signature of Applicant

SECOND SCHEDULE
(regulation 4)

Money Deposit
Rs

3,000

Daily Fee
Rs

500