

Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Ministry of Information

(Printing and Publishing Enterprises Rules)

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The Ministry of Information is exercising the power conferred under sub-section (a) of Section 25 of the Printing and Publishing Law, the following rules are promulgated with the approval of the Union Government.

Chapter 1

Name and definition

1. These rules shall be called the Printing and Publishing Enterprise Rules.
2. The wording of these rules shall apply in the light of the Printing and Publishing Enterprise Law. In addition, the following expressions shall have the following meanings:
  - (a) **Law** means the Printing and Publishing Business Law;
  - (b) **Enterprise** means the printing or publishing business or the news agency business;
  - (c) **Citizen** means a citizen, guest citizen and naturalized citizens;
  - (d) **Foreigner** means a non-citizen;
  - (e) **Form** means the form prescribed by these Rules;
  - (f) **Newspaper** means daily local and foreign news; A publication is a publication on a daily or weekly or regular basis;
  - (g) **Journal** means an analysis of a subject, including daily news; Reviews A regular publication containing articles;
  - (h) **Magazine** means a publication containing a variety of topics, including public news and reviews on it;

- (I) **General publication** means a Newspaper, Journal except for the magazines.

## Chapter (2)

### Applying, Issuance and payment for certification

3. Those who want to do business must apply for a certificate from the Ministry before commencing the business.
4. (a) Citizens or foreigners who want to do business under sub-sections (a) and (b) of Section 4 of the Law must apply for the certificate in accordance with the following conditions:
  - (1) The applicant must be over 18 years old;
  - (2) If the applicant is a foreigner, a copy of the investment permit of the Myanmar Investment Commission for the business applied for must be attached;
  - (3) If the applicant is a citizen-owned company or organization, a copy of the registration certificate of the company or organization must be attached;
  - (4) If applying for printing business, must submit a copy of the sales receipt for the printing press or a copy of the sales contract for the purchase;
  - (5) The expression of business name and logo must be in accordance with the existing laws.
- (b) The printing business when applying under Rule 3 shall use Form 1, to publish a newspaper for publishing business, Form 2, to publish a journal, use Form 3, to publish a magazine, form 4, for general publication, Form 5, respectively. It needs to fill out an application form for the news agency with 6 forms;
- (c) The applicant for newspaper publishing business must attach the following information together with the application form 2:
  - (i) Investment status of sole proprietorship or joint venture or association or company;
  - (ii) Partners, Association in case of a company, the investment ratio;
  - (iii) Organizational and operational plan.

5. According to sub-rule (b) under Rule 4, the applicant must comply with the prescribed application form and must be sent to the Ministry with an office stamp 300 kyats.
6. The Ministry shall scrutinize the application and if it is complete and in accordance with the existing laws, the applicant shall be notified to pay the prescribed fee of 50,000 kyats in cash.  
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7. The Ministry will issue Form 7 of certification for the printing industry if it receives a license, Form 8 for certification for publishing, Form 9 for certification for the news agency business must also be issued.  
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8. If a person is a certified publisher for publishing and news agency business, he/she must submit the website address to the Ministry within 14 days from the date of commencement of the business.
9. (a) The certificate issued under Rule 7 shall be valid for 5 years from the date of issuance except for the following reasons:
  - (i) Failure to apply for a change of name within 60 days of the death of the certificate holder;
  - (ii) Lack of operation for two consecutive years;
  - (iii) Business transfer;
  - (iv) Failure to notify the Ministry for change within 60 days if there is a change in majority ownership of shares;
  - (v) Submission to the Ministry of Incompetence;
  - (vi) Dissolution of a company or organization related to the business;
  - (vii) The business was terminated according to the law .
- (b) In case of business liquidation or if the business certificate is revoked, the certificate shall be submitted to the Ministry within 60 days from the date of liquidation of business or from the date of revocation, from the date on which any matter arises under sub-rule (a) of Section 6 of the Law;

- (c) According to sub-sections (a) and (b) of Section 7 of the Law, the Minister shall order the approval or cancellation of the original decision within 30 days from the date of receipt of the application for review. If the original decision is overturned, the certificate must be reissued within 14 days.
10. The applicant for review under sub-section (a) of Section 7 of the Law may apply to the Minister within 60 days from the date of the order.
  11. Applicants for a printing business certification must apply in accordance with the requirements for the following types of printers:
    - (a) Printing machines, Press, Offset, Gravure and Flexo Printing Machine (including plastic printers);
    - (b) Digital Printing Machine;
    - (c) Computer to Plate Machine;
    - (d) Types of printing presses prescribed by the Ministry from time to time.
  12. The operator must abide by the following rules for the relevant business:
    - (a) Do not allow for transferring the certificate to another person;
    - (b) Do not allow to amend the contents of the certificate;
    - (c) Certificate of printing business shall be valid only for the printers mentioned in the machine list;
    - (d) The certification for publishing and news agency business shall be valid only for the business mentioned therein.
  13. The types of publishing activities shall be specified as follows:
    - (a) Publishing a newspaper;
    - (b) Publishing a journal;
    - (c) Publishing a magazine;
    - (d) Publication of general publications.

### **Chapter 3**

#### **Provision of publications**

14. If the importer or exporter of any publication under sub-section (a) of Section 11 of the law is importing or exporting for commercial purposes, the information on the

publication shall be completed and submitted to the Ministry within 10 days from the date of submission or submission of Form 10.

15. (a) According to sub-section (b) of Section 11 of the Law, the publisher of any publication shall deliver the six or six copies of the publication to the publisher within seven days from the date of publication, and the publisher shall return the form to the Ministry free of charge in Form 11 within 14 days.
- (b) The Ministry shall distribute as follows:
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| (i) Copyright and List of Books                    | 2 Nos; |
| (ii) National Library                              | 1 No.  |
| (iii) Department of National Archives              | 1 No.  |
| (iv) National Literature Award Selection Committee | 2 Nos. |
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16. (a) In relation to the publications, the Ministry shall comply with sub-section (b) of Section 11 of the Law, the subject record of each book shall be included in the list of books to be kept in the department.
- (b) The Ministry shall publish the records for already recorded in the book register within 60 days from the end of the calendar year.

## Chapter 4

### General

17. The name and address of the press must be specified accurately for Newspapers published in the country and publisher's name and certification number shall be specified for Newsletter, News Bulletin, Journal and publisher name and certification number must be specified on magazines and books.
18. The names of the editorial staff should be included in a visible place of Newspapers, journals and magazines published in the country.
19. Holders of a Certificate of Registration issued under the Publishers and Publishers Registration Act of 1962 must apply to the Ministry in Form 12 within 60 days from the expiration date of the certificate under Section 24 and pay a fee of 50,000 kyats

for a new certificate. The Ministry shall issue a new certificate within 14 days from the date of receipt of the deposit.

20. The operator must notify the Ministry in writing within 60 days of the change in the information contained in the application form.
21. The business owner must apply to the Ministry with a fee of 10,000 kyats within 60 days from the date of damage or replacement for the expired certificate, disappearance, damage, change of business name and business address, in the event of the death of the employee or the inheritance of the business by the family, such loss or loss shall be made. The Ministry must issue a new certificate within 14 days from the date of receipt of the deposit.
22. The 1962 Publishers and Publishers Registration Rule is hereby repealed.

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