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The Cabinet makes the following Regulations under Sections 15 and 16 of the *Public Order Act 2025*:

Part 1 – Preliminary

1 Citation

These Regulations may be cited as the *Public Order Regulations 2026*.

2 Commencement

These Regulations commence on the date they are notified in the Gazette.

3 Interpretation

In these Regulations:

‘Commissioner’ has the same meaning as Commissioner of Police under the *Nauru Police Force Act 2025*.

Part 2 – Exempt Activity

4 Exempt activity

An activity provided under Schedule 1 is an exempt activity for the purpose of Section 15 of the Act.

Part 3 – Procedure for applying, considering, approving, refusing and cancelling an exempt activity licence

5 Application for an exempt activity licence

(1) A person may apply to the Commissioner for an exempt activity licence in Form 1 of Schedule 2 providing the following information:

- (a) full name;
- (b) details of the applicant’s citizenship;
- (c) residential address;
- (d) email address if available;
- (e) contact phone number;
- (f) location of the activity;
- (g) name and purpose of the activity;
- (h) date and timeframe of the activity;
- (i) the details of the activity, including any measures to minimise the impacts of the activity on the public and close vicinity residents;

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- (j) consent of at least 5 surrounding residents;
 - (k) a declaration of the individual's intention to comply with all the written laws of the Republic;
 - (l) the fee in Schedule 4; and
 - (m) any other information the Commissioner may require.
- (2) A person shall not provide false or misleading information in the application.
- (3) A person who contravenes subsection (2), commits an offence and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or to an imprisonment term not exceeding 18 months or both.

6 Procedure for approving or refusing an application

Where the Commissioner receives an application under Regulation 5, the Commissioner shall consider the application and make a recommendation to the Minister on whether to approve or reject an application.

Where the Minister receives an application under subregulation (1), the Minister shall review the application and recommendation of the Commissioner and:

- (a) approve the application; or
- (b) reject the application.

The Commissioner shall issue an exempt activity licence in Form 2 of Schedule 2 where the Minister has approved an application.

Where the Minister has rejected an application, the Commissioner shall inform the applicant in writing of the decision in Form 3 of Schedule 2.

In determining an application under this Regulation, the Minister and Commissioner shall consider the requirements of the Act and these Regulations.

7 Duration of the exempt activity licence

The duration of the exempt activity licence shall be specified in the licence.

8 Cancellation of a licence

- (1) The Commissioner may recommend to the Minister to cancel an exempt activity licence, where the Commissioner is satisfied that:
- (a) the holder of a licence has been convicted of or issued with a fixed penalty notice for an offence under the Act and these Regulations;
 - (b) it is in the public interest;
 - (c) the holder of a licence is not complying with conditions of his or her licence; or
 - (d) the holder of a licence requests the Commissioner to cancel such licence.
- (2) Where the Minister approves the cancellation of a licence under subregulation (1), the Commissioner shall cancel an exempt activity licence in Form 4 of Schedule 2.

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9 Licence conditions

- (1) A holder of a licence shall at all times comply with the following conditions:
 - (a) operate only during specified times provided in the licence; and
 - (b) any such conditions as determined by the Commissioner.
- (2) Where a holder of a licence fails to comply with any of the conditions under subregulation (1), the Commissioner may cancel the licence in accordance with the Act and these Regulations, in addition to any fixed penalty that may be imposed.
- (3) A person who contravenes a condition under subregulation (1) commits an offence under Section 8 or 9 of the Act.

10 Record keeping requirements

- (1) The Commissioner shall keep a record of all matters required for documentation under these Regulations.
- (2) The records shall be kept and maintained in:
 - (a) electronic or digital form capable of being produced in printed form; and
 - physical form.
- (3) The Commissioner shall keep and maintain the records for a period of at least 7 years.
- (4) The Commissioner shall not disclose or share information with any third party except where it is required for a law enforcement agency, or any other official purpose, by the Republic or for any proceedings.
- (5) Any information provided to the Republic under this Act, shall not be disclosed to any other person without the prior consent or approval of the Commissioner, except where the information is required as exhibits or evidence in court.

Part 4 – Register of the exempt activity licence

11 Register for the exempt activity licence

- (1) There shall be a Register for the exempt activity licence.
- (2) The Commissioner shall maintain the Register.
- (3) The Register shall contain a record of:
 - (a) all exempt activity licences granted under these Regulations; and
 - (b) any other information as determined by the Commissioner.
- (4) For the purposes of this Regulation, the Register shall be kept in the Form under Schedule 3.

PART 5 – Fees

12 Fees

The fees payable under these Regulations shall be paid in accordance with Schedule 4.

PART 6 – Fixed Penalty Offences and Notices

13 Fixed Penalty Notice

- (1) A fixed penalty notice shall comply with the following requirements:
 - (a) state the place, date and time of alleged offence;
 - (b) state the name and address of the person to whom the notice is issued;
 - (c) notify the person to whom the notice is issued of when and where the fixed penalty may be paid;
 - (d) require the person to whom the notice is issued to pay the amount due within 21 days and in the event of failure to pay the fixed penalty, legal proceedings shall be instituted within the next 14 days and the person may have legal representation to represent them or enter a written guilty plea;
 - (e) notify the person to whom the notice is issued that, in case of default in payment within the time specified in the notice, the court may, if the person is found guilty by the court, impose a penalty which is more than the fixed penalty for the offence; and
 - (f) shall bear the date on which it was served on the person charged as the case requires.
- (2) A police officer may issue a fixed penalty notice in the Form under Schedule 5, to a person who commits an offence under these Regulations.

14 Requirements for a fixed penalty notice

- (1) A fixed penalty notice shall not be served more than 14 days after the day on which the offence is alleged to have been committed.
- (2) The police officer who issues a fixed penalty notice shall cause a signed copy of the notice to be placed before the Nauru Revenue Office and District Court as specified in the notice not later than 7 days after the notice is issued.
- (3) Where a fixed penalty notice served upon a person has not been accepted by payment of the fixed penalty within 21 days of the date of the fixed penalty notice, the notice shall be regarded for all purposes as a summons issued under the *Criminal Procedure Act 1972*.
- (4) A person who is issued a fixed penalty notice by a police officer shall accept its service by signing for the service of the fixed penalty notice.
- (5) A person who fails to comply with subsection (4), commits an offence and is liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000.
- (6) The issuance of a fixed penalty notice shall not be taken to prevent the institution of proceedings under any other provision of the Act and these Regulations.

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(7) Where a fixed penalty notice served upon a person is not complied with and is placed before the court, the court may impose a penalty higher than the fixed penalty stipulated for the offence and such penalty shall:

- (a) be commensurate with the seriousness of the offence; and
- (b) deprive the offender of any benefits arising from the commission of the offence.

15 Fixed penalty offences

An offence against any of the provisions under the Act and these Regulations shall be deemed to be a fixed penalty offence.

16 Penalties for fixed penalty offences

For the purposes of Regulation 15, the fixed penalty for any offence under the Act or these Regulations is \$100.

17 Failure to pay fixed penalty

A person, who has been issued with a fixed penalty notice and fails to pay the fixed penalty as required by the Act and these Regulations shall be summoned to attend court.

18 Fixed penalty notice court appearances

(1) Where a person who is summoned to attend court, pleads guilty on the date of the hearing to the fixed penalty offence in which he or she was issued a fixed penalty notice, the court shall:

- (a) impose a penalty for the offence as provided under the Act;
- (b) order court costs of \$100; and
- (c) any such other orders the court deems fit to ensure compliance of the order of the court not limited to committal.

(2) Where the person is not present and is unrepresented in court, a plea of guilty shall be recorded and the matter dealt with in accordance with the procedure of the court and the court shall:

- (a) impose a penalty for the offence as provided under the Act;
- (b) order court costs of \$100; and
- (c) any such other orders the court deems fit to ensure compliance of the order of the court not limited to committal.

(3) Where the person is present or represented by a legal practitioner and pleads not guilty, the matter shall be dealt with in accordance with the procedure of the court.

(4) Where the person is found guilty after the hearing of a fixed penalty offence under subregulation (3), the court shall:

- (a) impose the penalty for that offence as provided under the Act;
- (b) order court costs of \$200; and
- (c) any such other orders the court deems fit to ensure compliance of the order of the court not limited to committal.

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19 Evidence of acceptance of a Fixed Penalty Notice

In any proceedings, a certificate signed by the Registrar of Courts, Nauru Revenue or a police officer that the fixed penalty is or is not paid shall, unless the contrary is proved, be conclusive evidence of the matters stated in the certificate.

20 Application of the Criminal Procedure Act 1972

The *Criminal Procedure Act 1972* applies *mutatis mutandis* to any matter or proceedings under the Act and these Regulations.

Part 6 – Noise abatement directions

21 Noise abatement directions

For the purpose of Section 9 of the Act, a noise abatement direction shall be in the Form under Schedule 6.

SCHEDULE 1

EXEMPT ACTIVITIES

1. Entertainment through the use of Loudspeaker systems, amplified sound reproduction device or amplified audio system also known as boom box speakers

SCHEDULE 2

Form 1



REPUBLIC OF NAURU

Public Order Act 2025

Public Order Regulations 2026

Application for an Exempt Activity Licence

[Regulation 5]

Full Name:	
Country(s) of citizenship:	
Residential Address:	
Email Address (if available):	
Contact phone number:	
Location of activity:	
State name and purpose of the activity:	
Date(s) and time:	
Details including measures to minimise the impacts of the activity on the public and close vicinity residents:	
Consent of at least 5 surrounding residents:	
Name	Signature
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____

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4. _____

5. _____

(Note please: If there are more signatures, please include in a separate sheet of paper)

I, the applicant.....of.....,
(state name) (address)

.....do solemnly and sincerely declare that:
(occupation)

(a) I will comply with all written laws of the Republic of Nauru; and

(b) the matters contained in this application are true in every particular.

and I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the *Oaths, Affirmations and Statutory Declarations Act 1976* conscientiously believing it to be true in every particular.

Name:

Signature

Date:

Declared at.....this day of20.....

Before me:

(Signature)

(Name)

Commissioner for Oaths/Notary Public

NOTE: A person making a false statement is guilty of an offence and liable to pay a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or an imprisonment term not exceeding 18 months or both.

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Form 2



REPUBLIC OF NAURU

Public Order Act 2025

Public Order Regulations 2026

Exempt Activity Licence

[Regulations 6(3)]

Licence #....20.....

This Exempt Activity Licence is granted to *(name of applicant)* for the conduct of the *[name of the activity]*.

Licence Conditions:

(1) The holder of this licence shall at all times comply with the following conditions:

- (a) operate only during specified times provided in the licence; and
- (b) *(list down conditions determined by Commissioner).*

(2) Where a holder of a licence:

- (a) fails to comply with any of the conditions provided under the Act and as determined by the Commissioner, the Commissioner on the approval of the Minister may cancel the licence in accordance with the Act and the Regulations, in addition to any penalty that may be imposed; and
- (b) commits an offence under Section [8/9] of the Act, and shall be liable for penalty provided under this Section.

This licence is valid for

Signed

(Name)

Commissioner of Police, Nauru Police Force

Date:

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Form 3



REPUBLIC OF NAURU

Public Order Act 2025

Public Order Regulations 2026

Notification of Rejection of Application

[Regulations 6(4)]

Notification No.... / 20

To:

Notice is given that your application for an exempt activity licence has been rejected.

The reason for the decision is that the (*application*) does not meet the requirements of the Act or the Regulations in that (*provide description of how the requirements are not met.*)

Signed

(*Name*)

Commissioner of Police, Nauru Police Force

Date:

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Form 4



REPUBLIC OF NAURU

Public Order Act 2025

Public Order Regulations 2026

Notice of Cancellation of Exempt Activity Licence

[Regulation 8]

Notice is given to that the exempt activity licence
Number: Licence #...20..... is cancelled.

Reason for cancellation/alteration (*Provide the reason(s) for cancellation*)

Signed

(Name)

Commissioner of Police

Date:

SCHEDULE 3

Register for Exempt Activity Licences

[Regulation 11]

Name of holder of licence	Licence Number	Date Granted	Date of Expiry	Date of Extension	Date of Cancellation	Details of Appeal if relevant

SCHEDULE 4

FEES

[Regulation 12]

Procedure	Fee
Application for an exempt activity licence	\$ 50

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SCHEDULE 5

Form



REPUBLIC OF NAURU

Public Order Act 2025

Public Order Regulations 2026

[Regulations 13 and 14]

FIXED PENALTY NOTICE FOR OFFENCES UNDER THE *PUBLIC ORDER REGULATIONS 2026*

This Fixed Penalty Notice is issued pursuant to the powers given to police officers under the <i>Public Order Regulations 2026</i> for offences under the Regulations.	Fixed Penalty Notice No:	
	Date of Issue:	
	Penalty:	
	Due Date:	
	Payment shall be made at the Nauru Revenue Office within 21 days from the date of service of this Fixed Penalty Notice	

PART 1: OFFENCE DETAILS

<i>Offender</i>		
Full Name:		
Address		
Nature of offence: (specify particular offence under the Regulations)	Location:	
	Date:	
	Time:	
	Details of circumstances alleged to constitute the offence:	
Penalty: \$100		
Police officer's name:		
Police officer's signature:	
Date:		

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Acknowledgement of Service of Fixed Penalty Notice by:

Name:

Signature:

(If a person refuses to accept Notice, a Police officer may note the refusal of acceptance)

Note:

1. This Notice shall only be served to the offender at the time of the offence or within 14 days after the occurrence of the alleged offence.

2. If the offender refuses to accept the Notice, he or she commits an offence under *Regulation 14(5)* for which he or she is liable to a penalty not exceeding \$5,000 upon conviction.

PART 2 – TIME FOR PAYMENT OF PENALTY

- A. Take Notice that the penalty must be paid to the Nauru Revenue Office within 21 days of the date of the issuance of this Fixed Penalty Notice
- B. Take Notice that if you intend to defend/contest this Notice, you are to appear in person or by legal representative in court on the date and time provided in Part 3 of this Notice.

PART 3 – NOTICE TO ATTEND TO COURT

Take Notice that if you fail to pay the fixed penalty or intend to contest or defend this Notice,

you shall attend the District Court at Yaren on day of 20 atam/pm for the hearing.

Take Notice that if you are found guilty at the hearing you shall be liable to pay a fine higher than that provided in the fixed penalty notice or may be imposed an imprisonment term as provided under Regulation 18 of the *Public Order Regulations 2026*.

If you fail to attend to the hearing, the Court shall proceed to the hearing of the Fixed Penalty Notice in your absence and may impose a fine and costs or imprisonment term in accordance with *Regulation 18* of the *Regulations*. If you fail to abide by any order of the Court, you shall be arrested under a committal warrant without any further notice.

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

I, police officer make oath/solemnly affirm that I did on the day of 20 served the offender, the original copy of this Fixed Penalty Notice at, (time) on (date) AND he/she acknowledged service by affixing his/her signature to this Fixed Penalty Notice.

Police officer (signature):

Before me (Name):

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.....
(Commissioner for Oaths)

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SCHEDULE 6

Form



REPUBLIC OF NAURU

Public Order Act 2025

Public Order Regulations 2026

[Section 9 and 16, Regulation 21]

NOISE ABATEMENT DIRECTION

This Noise Abatement Direction is issued pursuant to the powers given to police officers under the <i>Public Order Act 2025</i> for offences under the Act.	Noise Abatement No:	
	Date of Issue:	

PART 1: OFFENCE DETAILS

<i>Offender</i>	
Full Name:	
Address	
Specifics of the noise nuisance	Location:
	Date:
	Time:
	Details of the alleged noise nuisance:

PART 2 – DIRECTIONS

You are directed to:

(a) immediately cease the noise; or

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(b) reduce the volume or noise level by [date & time].

(c) comply with the following conditions:

.....

Failure to comply with this direction is an offence and may result in your property causing the noise to be seized.

Police officer's name:

Police officer's signature:

.....

Date:

Acknowledgement of Service of Noise Abatement Direction:

Name:

Signature: