SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2021 No. 49

The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2021

Amendment to schedule 5: level 4 restrictions

5. In schedule 5 (level 4 restrictions)—

- (a) in paragraph 1 (requirement to close certain premises in a level 4 area to members of the public)—
 - (i) in sub-paragraph (2), after head (v) insert-
 - "(w) a drive-in event venue.",
 - (ii) in sub-paragraph (3), after head (h) insert-
 - "(i) any suitable premises which a returning officer or electoral registration officer has requested the use of in connection with the carrying out of any of their functions in relation to an election.",
 - (iii) in sub-paragraph (6), after head (c) insert—
 - "(d) "drive-in event venue" means any premises or place indoors to which the public, or a section of the public, has access, whether on payment or otherwise, for the purpose of participating in or attending from within vehicles a drive-in or drive-through event, including an act of worship, a sporting event, a film or the performance of music, comedy or a play.",
- (b) in paragraph 1A (requirement to close places of worship in a level 4 area to members of the public), after sub-paragraph (2A)(1) insert—

"(2B) A place of worship may be used if it is a suitable premises which a returning officer or electoral registration officer has requested the use of in connection with the carrying out of any of their functions in relation to an election.",

(c) in paragraph 2 (requirement to close retail and library premises in a level 4 area to members of the public), after sub-paragraph (4) insert—

"(4A) Sub-paragraph (1) does not prevent the use of suitable premises which a returning officer or electoral registration officer has requested the use of in connection with the carrying out of any of their functions in relation to an election.",

(d) in paragraph 3 (requirement to cease providing holiday accommodation in a level 4 area) after sub-paragraph (2) insert—

"(3) Sub-paragraph (1) does not prevent the use of suitable premises which a returning officer or electoral registration officer has requested the use of in connection with the carrying out of any of their functions in relation to an election.",

(e) in paragraph 6 (closure of food and drink businesses in a level 4 area), after subparagraph (7) insert—

⁽¹⁾ Paragraph 1A was inserted by S.S.I. 2021/3 and amended by S.S.I. 2021/17.

"(8) Sub-paragraph (1) does not prevent the use of suitable premises which a returning officer or electoral registration officer has requested the use of in connection with the carrying out of any of their functions in relation to an election.",

- (f) in paragraph 16(2) (examples of reasonable excuse)(2)—
 - (i) for head (v) substitute-
 - "(v) attend a marriage ceremony or registration of a civil partnership, where the person is, in relation to that marriage ceremony or civil partnership registration—
 - (i) a party,
 - (ii) a witness,
 - (iii) the approved celebrant or authorised registrar within the meaning of section 8(2) of the Marriage (Scotland) Act 1977(**3**),
 - (iv) the approved celebrant within the meaning of section 94A(4)(a) of the Civil Partnership Act 2004(4),
 - (v) the authorised registrar within the meaning of section 87 of the Civil Partnership Act 2004(5), or
 - (vi) a required interpreter,",
 - (ii) for head (w) substitute—
 - "(w) attend a funeral or commemorative event for a person who has died (other than a wake or a funeral tea), or to travel for compassionate reasons which relate to the end of a person's life,".

⁽²⁾ Paragraph 16 was inserted by S.S.I. 2020/389.

^{(3) 1977} c.15. Section 8 was amended by section 12(2)(c) of the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2014 (asp 5).

^{(4) 2004} c.33. Section 94A was inserted by section 24(13) of the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2014 (asp 5).

⁽⁵⁾ Section 87 was amended by section 24(4) of the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2014 (asp 5).