
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (“the principal regulations”).

Regulation 3(1) of the principal regulations requires any person who is responsible for carrying on a restaurant, cafe, bar or public house to close any place on the premises which is indoors and used for the consumption of food or drink. Regulation 2(2) and (5)(a) of these Regulations revokes that requirement, enabling such businesses to carry on their business using indoor premises.

Regulation 4(2), (4), (6) and (9) of the principal regulations requires any person responsible for a library, the provision of holiday accommodation, a place of worship or a crematorium to stop providing that service except in certain circumstances. Regulation 2(3) of these Regulations revokes those requirements, enabling such services to be provided.

Regulation 6 of the principal regulations provides that no person may participate in a gathering in a public place with certain exceptions, including where a gathering takes place outdoors and consists of no more than five households or where the gathering takes place indoors and consists of no more than three households. Regulation 2(4) of these Regulations provides further exceptions for where the gathering is for the purpose of a marriage ceremony, civil partnership registration or childcare. These Regulations also substitute a new definition of “gathering”.

These Regulations also omit paragraphs 5, 10 and 23 of schedule 1 of the principal regulations from 15 July 2020, with the effect that a person responsible for a cinema, museum, gallery, or auction house is no longer required to cease to carry on that business from that date. Paragraphs 13, 15 and 16 of schedule 1 are omitted from 22 July 2020, enabling spas, massage parlours and tattoo and piercing parlours to reopen from that date. Regulation 2(5)(e) and (f) of these Regulations enables hair salons, barbers and certain beauty salons to open from 15 July 2020, with nail salons and the remaining beauty salons allowed to open from 22 July 2020.