

# AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY.

## Regulations 1953. No. 3.

### Regulations under the Fire Precautions Ordinance 1926-1953.\*

I PHILIP ALBERT MARTIN McBRIDE, Minister of State acting for and on behalf of the Minister of State for the Interior, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon me by the *Fire Precautions Ordinance 1926-1953*, hereby make the following Regulations.

Dated this fifth day of March, 1953.

P. A. McBRIDE  
for and on behalf of the Minister of State  
for the Interior.

#### FIRE PRECAUTIONS REGULATIONS.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Fire Precautions Regulations. Citation.
2. In these Regulations, unless the contrary intention appears— Definitions.
  - "Chief Officer" means the Chief Officer of the Canberra Fire Brigade;
  - "commercial building" means a building which is used (or, being unoccupied, is normally used) for trade, business, commercial or industrial purposes, and includes a theatre, a public hall, a hotel, a hostel, a boarding-house (as defined in the Public Health (Boarding-houses) Regulations), and a residential flat building;
  - "fire appliance" means a bucket, extinguisher, hose or other implement or thing for use in the prevention or extinguishing of fire;
  - "owner", in relation to a building, includes the holder of a lease from the Commonwealth of the land upon which the building is erected;
  - "public entertainment" means an exhibition, lecture, amusement, game or sport, admission to which may be procured by payment of money or by any other means as the price or condition of admission;
  - "public hall" means a room or building of a permanent character where public entertainments or public meetings are or may be held, and includes any building or premises used in connexion with any such room or building;

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\* Notified in the *Commonwealth Gazette* on 12th March, 1953.

“public meeting” means an assemblage of persons for a public purpose of a political, religious, charitable or intellectual nature, whether or not a charge is made for admission, but does not include an assemblage of persons for religious worship only;

“residential flat building” means a building containing one or more flats, but does not include a row of two or more dwellings attached to each other such as are commonly known as semi-detached or terrace buildings;

“theatre” means a theatre constructed or used for the presentation of any entertainment on the stage or for the showing of cinematograph pictures, and includes any building or premises used in connexion with such a theatre.

Owner to  
provide and  
maintain fire  
appliances.

3.—(1.) The owner of a commercial building shall—

(a) provide or install in the building such fire appliances as the Minister, or a person authorized by the Minister to give directions under this regulation, directs; and

(b) maintain those appliances to the satisfaction of the Chief Officer.

(2.) A direction under this section may be given by notice in writing served on the owner, or on his agent in connexion with the building, personally or by post, and if served by post may be addressed to the owner or agent at his last-known place of abode or business.

(3.) The Chief Officer, or a person authorized in writing by him to make inspections under this section, may enter a building for the purpose of ascertaining whether a direction under this section has been complied with or of inspecting fire appliances required to be maintained in the building.

(4.) A person shall not hinder a person in the exercise of his powers under the last preceding sub-regulation.

Testing of  
fire appliances  
by Fire  
Brigade.

4. The Chief Officer may, at the request of the owner of a commercial building and on payment of the prescribed fee, inspect, test or re-charge a fire appliance installed in the building.

Inspection  
and testing fees.

5. The fees to be paid for the inspection, testing or recharging of fire appliances by the Chief Officer under the last preceding regulation are as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
<i>Testing hose—</i>			
One length .. .. .	1	0	0
Two lengths .. .. .	2	0	0
Three lengths .. .. .	3	0	0
Four lengths .. .. .	4	0	0
Each additional length beyond four, but not exceeding eight .. .. .	10	0	
Each additional length beyond eight .. .. .	7	6	

	£	s.	d.
<i>Chemical extinguishers—</i>			
Recharging—			
Reversible soda and acid type—each ..	7	6	
Breakbottle soda and acid type—each ..	12	6	
Foam type—each ..	15	0	
Carbon tetra-chloride—1 quart type—each ..	12	6	
Carbon tetra-chloride—1 gallon type—each ..	2	0	0
Replacing—			
Cages—each .. .. .	10	0	
Hose—per length .. .. .	7	6	
Washers—each .. .. .	1	0	
<i>Inspections of hose and chemical extinguishers—</i>			
Per length of hose or per chemical extinguisher ..	1	0	
Minimum charge for inspection .. .. .	10	0	

6.—(1.) Where a theatre or public hall is used for the purposes of a public entertainment or public meeting at which scenery is used in a stage presentation or at which the decorations, appliances, or lighting used or the nature of the entertainment are or is such as, in the opinion of the Chief Officer, to require the attendance of firemen, one or more firemen of the Canberra Fire Brigade, as directed by the Chief Officer shall be in attendance during the whole of the entertainment or meeting.

*Attendance of firemen at theatres and public halls.*

(2.) The fees to be paid by the owner of a theatre or public hall for the attendance of each fireman of the Canberra Fire Brigade so attending shall be at the rate of Five shillings per hour.

7. Fees payable under these Regulations are a debt due to the Commonwealth and may be sued for and recovered by the Chief Officer in a court of competent jurisdiction.

*Recovery of fees.*