

SAMOA

**BUSINESS LICENCE AMENDMENT
REGULATIONS 2018**

Arrangement of Provisions

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| 1. Citation and commencement | 5. New Schedule inserted |
| 2. Regulation 2 amended | 6. Savings |
| 3. Regulation 4 amended | |
| 4. New regulation 7 inserted | |

PURSUANT to section 6(3) and 19 of the Business Licences Act 1998, **I, TUIMALEALIIFANO VAALETOA SUALAUVI II**, Head of State of the Independent State of Samoa, acting on the advice of Cabinet, **MAKE** these Regulations:

DATED this 13th day of December 2018.

signed: (Tuimalealiifano Vaaletoa Sualauvi II)

HEAD OF STATE

REGULATIONS

1. Citation and commencement - These Regulations may be cited as the Business Licence Amendment Regulations 2018 and commence on the date of assent.

2. Regulation 2 amended - In regulation 2 of the Business Licence Regulations 2012 (“principal Regulations”) insert in its alphabetical order the following new definition:

““beneficial owner” means any natural person who ultimately owns or controls any person on whose behalf a transaction is being conducted and includes any person who exercises ultimate control over a legal person or an arrangement.”.

3. Regulation 4 amended - After regulation 4(d) of the principal Regulations, insert:

“(e) a person that has been issued a licence under regulation 3(b), (c), (d), (f), (g) must notify the Commissioner in writing when there has been a change of ownership to the company at least 14 days before the transfer takes place.”.

4. New regulation 7 inserted - After regulation 6 of the principal Regulations, insert:

“7. Business Licence Particulars - The following particulars must be provided together with an application for a licence:

- (a) Site map of business location;
- (b) Legal form of identification with a photo of applicant, shareholders or directors where applicable;
- (c) Beneficial Owner (ultimate owner) of the business;
- (d) Bank account of business to show evidence of capital of funding of business;
- (e) Company Certificate of Incorporation (if applicable);
- (f) Partnership Agreement (if applicable);
- (g) Deed of Trust (if applicable);
- (h) Foreign Investment Certificate (if applicable);
- (i) Applicable license fees;
- (j) Health Compliance Certificate (for business involves fast - food and related activities);
- (k) Samoa Tourism Authority Confirmation (for tourist accommodations and related activities);
- (l) Qualifications/Credentials (for specialized professions);
- (m) Ministry of Finance Licence to operate Petrol station (if applicable);

(n) bingo licence issued under the Gaming Control Act 2017 to conduct bingo (if applicable).”.

5. New Schedule inserted - After new regulation 7, insert:

**“SCHEDULE
(Business License Fees)**

Classes of license	Fees
Sole trader	\$352.00
Company	\$800.00
Special business	\$50.00 per day

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6. Savings - Any business licence fee collected by the Ministry from 1 January 2018 is validated as if it were collected under these Regulations.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Ordinance 1953.

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