

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 503.

The following Bye-laws are published.

By Command,

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office. Hongkong, 15th August, 1902.

*Bye-laws for the licensing, regulation and sanitary maintenance of
Boarding Houses for Chinese Emigrants, made under
section 4 of Ordinance No. 37 of 1901.*

1. Boarding Houses for Chinese Emigrants shall be divided into two classes—(A) Hotels (樓客 hak chan), and (B) Emigration Houses for males (樓客男洋出 chut yeung nam hak chan).
2. A register of all such Boarding Houses shall be kept by the Registrar General in accordance with form I appended to these bye-laws.
3. Before a house can be registered as a Boarding House for Chinese Emigrants, an application giving the following particulars must be made to the Registrar General:—
 - (1.) Situation of premises sought to be registered.
 - (2.) Whether as Hotel or Boarding House for males.
 - (3.) Which floors are to be used as an Emigration Boarding House.
4. The Registrar General shall transmit each application to the Sanitary Board, which shall cause the premises specified therein to be inspected with a view to ascertaining the sanitary condition of the premises and their suitability for use as a Boarding House for Chinese Emigrants.
Every Boarding House for Chinese Emigrants shall be substantially built and in a good state of repair, and shall be adequately lit and ventilated to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer of Health, and shall be paved and drained in accordance with the laws in force for the time being relating to Public Health and with any bye-laws made thereunder.
5. When the Sanitary Board is satisfied that the premises sought to be registered as a Boarding House for Chinese Emigrants are suitable for such a purpose, it shall inform the Registrar General accordingly, who may then register such house as a Boarding House for Chinese Emigrants and issue a licence accordingly.
Every such licence shall specify the number of persons who may lawfully occupy such Boarding House and such number shall allow not less than 50 square feet of superficial area or floor space, and not less than 600 cubic feet of air space per head.
6. Before any person can be licensed as a keeper of a Boarding House for Chinese Emigrants an application must be made to the Registrar General, who shall require the applicant to enter into a bond in the sum of one thousand dollars with two sufficient sureties for the due observance of these bye-laws.
7. When the Registrar General is satisfied with the character of an applicant for a licence to keep a Boarding House for Chinese Emigrants, he may issue a licence to such applicant accordingly.
8. The fee for a licence to keep an Hotel shall be fifty dollars, and the fee for a licence to keep an Emigration House for males shall be ten dollars.
9. Every Boarding House licence shall date from the 1st May and be renewable annually.
10. The keeper of a Boarding House for Chinese Emigrants shall at all times keep his premises in a clean and wholesome condition, and shall cause the internal walls and ceilings of every part of his Boarding House to be thoroughly cleansed and lime-washed during the months of January and July of each year. He shall cause the premises to be thoroughly swept at least once a day and to be kept well ventilated, and shall not permit such premises to be occupied by a greater number of persons than is stated in the licence.
11. The keeper of a Boarding House for Chinese Emigrants shall cause all filth and house refuse or other offensive matter to be removed from his premises daily.
12. In every floor of a Boarding House for Chinese Emigrants a notice shall be posted in a conspicuous place stating the number of persons which the floor may legally accommodate.

13. The keeper of an Hotel shall not allow any person to occupy his house for immoral purposes.
14. The keeper of a Boarding House for Chinese Emigrants shall not knowingly permit persons of bad character to lodge in his house, and he shall maintain and enforce good order and decorum therein.
15. The keeper of a Boarding House for Chinese Emigrants shall keep a register shewing the name, sex, age, and native place of each lodger, the date of his arrival and departure, and his destination.
16. The keeper of a Boarding House for Chinese Emigrants shall report at once to the Registrar General any instance in which he suspects that a person is being induced to emigrate by fraud, intimidation or force.
17. Every Boarding House for Chinese Emigrants shall be open at all reasonable hours to the Registrar General or any Officer specially deputed by him to inspect such Boarding House, and also to Officers of the Sanitary Board and of the Police.
18. The licence of the keeper of a Boarding House for Chinese Emigrants may be withdrawn by the Registrar General at any time, if in the opinion of that Officer the holder has ceased to be a fit and proper person to keep such Boarding House.
19. The Registrar General may, in his discretion, permit the transfer of a licence to keep a Boarding House for Chinese Emigrants.
20. The keeper of every Boarding House for Chinese Emigrants shall forthwith report to the Registrar General or to the Medical Officer of Health or to the nearest Police Station every case of sickness occurring on his premises.
21. The regulations made by the Governor in Council under the provisions of section 12 of Ordinance 7 of 1883 for the guidance of owners, lessees, or agents of premises proposed to be used as Chinese Emigrant Lodging Houses and dated the 27th June, 1884, and the conditions to be observed by keepers of Chinese Emigrant Lodging Houses licensed under section 18 of Ordinance 8 of 1858, dated the 27th June, 1884, are hereby repealed.

Form I.

FORM OF REGISTER OF BOARDING HOUSES FOR CHINESE EMIGRANTS.

Register Number.	Date.	Situation and Street Number.	Maximum Number of Boarders which can be received on each Floor.	Name of Keeper.	Signature of Registrar.	Remarks.

M. J. DRAYSON,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 14th August, 1902.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.--No. 504.

The following Return of Stamp Revenue, for the months ended 31st of July, 1901 and 1902, respectively, is published.

By Command,

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 15th August, 1902.