

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 644.

The following Conditions and Scale of Fees for Bacteriological Examinations in the Government Bacteriological Department, are published.

By Command,

F. H. MAY,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 20th October, 1902.

Bacteriological Examinations will be undertaken for the General Public under the following conditions and at the following rates:—

*Conditions.*—

1. Postage and freight must be prepaid.
2. Application should be addressed to the Government Bacteriologist, who will inform the applicant as to the cost of the examination in question, and will give a bill for the same, which must be at once paid to the Colonial Treasurer.
3. The right is reserved of refusing the examination of material collected beyond the boundaries of the Colony or such specimens as may not be considered of sufficient importance to warrant examination.
4. In forwarding specimens for examination exact details in regard to the origin of the specimen, the date at which it was obtained, the conditions under which it was taken and the nature of the examination required, must be supplied to the Government Bacteriologist. For this purpose suitable forms will be supplied on application to the Government Bacteriologist.
5. Indifferently collected specimens will not be received for examination under any circumstances.
6. It is highly important that specimens requiring examination be forwarded to the Head of the Department with the least possible delay.
7. In order to facilitate the collection and receipt of such material requiring examination, the Department is prepared in many cases to supply the necessary sterile apparatus.
8. In urgent cases telephonic communication ought to be made to the Department.
9. If desired, the immediate result of the examination may be made known by telephone. At the same time a full written report will be made in every case.
10. All specimens and material examined will remain the property of the Government.
11. The Government will not recognize any claims arising from the results of any examination.

DIRECTIONS AS TO THE METHODS TO BE ADOPTED IN PROCURING SPECIMENS FOR EXAMINATION.

Nature of Examination.	Preparation of Material for Examination.	Remarks.
Diphtheria.	Smears from the throat are to be taken as aseptically as possible. Sterilised tubes may be obtained from the Department. All specimens are to be forwarded to the Bacteriologist at once, and marked "Urgent."	No antiseptics must be applied to the throat for a few hours previous to taking the specimen for examination.
Typhus abdominalis.	Blood serum for examination must be collected in suitable capillary tubes. These will be supplied by the Department, with instructions as to use.	.....
Gonorrhœa.	Specimens examined in doubtful cases only. Specimens to be spread on glass slides instead of on cover slips.	Three specimens at least must be sent.

DIRECTIONS AS TO THE METHODS TO BE ADOPTED IN PROCURING SPECIMENS FOR EXAMINATION,—Continued.

Nature of Examination.	Preparation of Material for Examination.	Remarks.
Influenza.	Only <i>absolutely</i> fresh sputum may be sent, and this in sterilised water in a test-tube.	No antiseptic to be added.
Pneumonia.	Absolutely fresh sputum. <i>Vide</i> Influenza.	No antiseptic to be added.
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis.	Cerebro-spinal fluid, obtained by lumbar puncture to be preserved in a sterile test-tube.	No antiseptic to be added.
Empyema Pus. [T.B., Influenza, Pneumococci or Streptococci, etc.].	The skin must be thoroughly disinfected and the aspirating syringe sterilised. Preserve the fluid in a sterile test-tube.	If possible a specimen of absolutely fresh sputum ought to accompany the pus.
Blood.	When such an examination is required the Bacteriologist is to be informed, so that he may take the necessary steps to have a suitable quantity of Blood taken for examination.	.....
Pus from other sources.	Follow instructions given under "Empyema Pus."	.....
Waters, Milks, Foods, Soils and Air, etc., etc.	Follow instructions given under "Blood."	.....

SCALE OF FEES.

Bacteriological Examination of Waters, .....	\$20.00
"                    "          " Air, .....	20.00
"                    "          " Milks, .....	20.00
"                    "          " Foods, .....	20.00
"                    "          " Soils, .....	20.00
"                    "          " Blood, .....	\$10.00—15.00
Bacteriological Diagnosis of Tetanus, .....	10.00
"                    "          " Typhoid Fever, .....	10.00
"                    "          " Diphtheria, .....	5.00
"                    "          " Influenza, .....	5.00
"                    "          " Meningitis, .....	5.00
"                    "          " Pus, .....	5.00
"                    "          " Pneumonia, .....	3.00
"                    "          " Gonorrhœa, .....	2.50

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.— No. 645

Government Notification No. 630 of the 15th October, 1902, is hereby amended by adding the following rule, to be numbered rule 3, namely:—

3. From and after the 1st January, 1903, no Bill of Health can be used unless it bears an Impressed Stamp of Six Dollars.

By Command,

F. H. MAY,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 24th October, 1902.