



THE FIRE PRECAUTIONS ACT 1975

THE FIRE PRECAUTIONS (HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES)  
ORDER 1997

*Approved by Tynwald*

19th March 1997

*Coming into operation*

1st April 1997

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Department of Home Affairs by section 1 of the Fire Precautions Act 1975(a), and of all other enabling powers, the following Order is hereby made:—

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1. (1) This Order may be cited as the Fire Precautions (Hotels and Boarding Houses) Order 1997 and, subject to section 1(6) of the Act, shall come into operation on the 1st April 1997.

(2) In this Order —

"the Act" means the Fire Precautions Act 1975;

"the first floor" means the floor above the ground floor;

"guests" means members of the general public, being travellers, holiday-makers and other persons, for whom sleeping accommodation is provided.

**Designation of premises**

2. Subject to article 3, the following use of premises is designated for the purposes of section 1 of the Act, namely, use for providing, in the course of carrying on the business of a hotel keeper or boarding house keeper, sleeping accommodation for staff or sleeping, dining-room, drawing-room, ball-room or other accommodation for guests.

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(a) 1975 c.18

### Exemption for certain premises

3. Notwithstanding article 2, a fire certificate shall not be required for premises unless —

- (a) sleeping accommodation is provided in those premises for more than 6 persons, being staff or guests; or
- (b) sleeping accommodation is provided in those premises for staff or guests on any floor above the first floor of the building which constitutes or comprises the premises; or
- (c) sleeping accommodation is provided in those premises for staff or guests below the ground floor of the building which constitutes or comprises the premises.

### Revocation

4. The Fire Precautions (Hotels and Boarding Houses) Order 1976(b) is revoked.

MADE 14<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1997



Minister for Home Affairs

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(b) GC 45/76

### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order designates the use of premises for providing accommodation in the course of the business of a hotel or boarding house keeper for the purposes of section 1 of the Fire Precautions Act 1975, so that premises put to that use require a fire certificate. An exemption is provided for premises which do not provide sleeping accommodation for more than 6 staff or guests, and do not provide sleeping accommodation above the first floor or below the ground floor. The Order replaces the Fire Precautions (Hotels and Boarding Houses) Order 1976, removing the definition of such premises by reference to classifications under the Tourist Act 1975.