

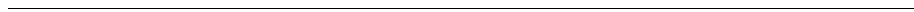
MONTSERAT

MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS PROVISIONS  
(COVID-19) ACT

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I ASSENT

(Sgd.) Andrew Pearce  
Governor

DATE: 7/7/2020

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AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXTENSION OF LICENCES AND PERMITS AND FOR RELATED MATTERS IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

BE IT ENACTED by The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Montserrat, and by the authority of the same as follows:—

**1 Short title and commencement**

This Act may be cited as the Miscellaneous Amendments Provisions (Covid-19) Act, 2020 and is deemed to come into force 1 March, 2020.

**2 Extension of permits and licences etc.**

Despite any provision in an Act, Regulation or Order, an Act listed in column 1 of the Schedule is amended to the extent set out in Column 2 of the Schedule.

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**SCHEDULE**  
(Section 2)

<b>COLUMN 1</b>	<b>COLUMN 2</b>
<b>NAME OF ACT</b>	<b>EXTENT OF AMENDMENT</b>
Bills of Sale Act (Cap. 15:14)	<p>1. Insert the following as section 8A—</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>“8A. Extension for registration of a bill of sale</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">(1) Despite section 8, a bill of sale or a transfer or assignment of a bill of sale, executed during the period 1 March, 2020 to 30 June, 2020 or a longer period as the Registrar may by Order specify, but not registered within seven clear days after the execution of the bill of sale, is deemed to be valid until 31 July, 2020 or a later date as the Registrar may, by Order, or Notice published in the Gazette specify.</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">(2) The preservation of validity granted under subsection (1) shall not affect the obligation of a person to register a bill of sale and a transfer or assignment pursuant to section 8.</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">(3) Where a person fails, on or before 31 July, 2020 or a later date specified under subsection (1), to register a bill of sale or a transfer or assignment of a bill of sale which was executed prior to or during the period specified in subsection (1) and which is required to be registered within seven clear days under this Act, the penalties that would have arisen in respect of the failure shall be revived and become applicable as if the waiver in subsection (1) had not been granted.”</p> <p>2. Insert the following as section 9A—</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>“9A. Renewal after 31 July</b></p>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) Despite section 9, a bill of sale which lapses and is not renewed from 1 March, 2020 to 30 June 2020 or a longer period as the Minister may by Order specify, is valid until 31 July, 2020 or a later date as the Registrar may by Order, or Notice published in the Gazette specify.</li><li>(2) The preservation of validity granted under subsection (1) shall not affect the obligation of a person to renew the registration of a bill of sale under section 9.</li><li>(3) Where a person fails, on or before 31 July, 2020 or any later date specified under subsection (1), to renew the registration of a bill of sale, the provisions of section 9 shall apply.”</li></ol>
Companies Act (Cap 11.12)	<p>Insert the following as section 154A—</p> <p><b>“154A.            Extension for the filing of documents</b></p> <p>Despite sections 154(1), 156(1), 194(1), 296(h) a document to be filed or submitted to the Registrar during the period 1 March, 2020 to 30 June, 2020 or a longer period as the Registrar may by Order or Notice published in the Gazette specify, but not filed or submitted during that period may be filed on later date as the Registrar may by Order or Notice published in the Gazette specify.”</p>
Firearms Act (Cap. 10.02)	<p>Insert the following as section 12A—</p> <p><b>“12A.            Extension for renewal of licence</b></p> <p>A licence which lapses and is not renewed during the period 1 March, 2020 to 30 June 2020 or a longer period as the Commissioner of Police may by Order or Notice published in the Gazette specify, is deemed to be valid until 31 July, 2020</p>

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	<p>or a later date as the Commissioner of Police may by Order or Notice published in the Gazette, specify.”</p>
<p>Insurance Act (Cap 11.20)</p>	<p>Insert the following as section 82A—</p> <p><b>“82A.           Extension for renewal of certificate of registration</b></p> <p>Despite section 82, a certificate of registration which lapses and is not renewed from 1 March, 2020 to 30 June 2020 or a longer period as the Minister may by Order specify, is deemed to be valid until 31 July, 2020 or a later date as the Minister may by Order, specify.”</p>
<p>Immigration Act (Cap 13.01)</p>	<p>Insert the following as section 22A—</p> <p><b>“22A.           Extension of permit</b></p> <p>Despite section 22, a permit which lapses and is not renewed during the period 1 March, 2020 to 30 June 2020 or a longer period as the Chief Immigration Officer may by Order specify, is deemed to be valid until 31 July, 2020 or a later date as the Chief Immigration Officer may by Order, specify.”</p>
<p>Income and Corporation Tax Act (Cap. 17.01)</p>	<p>Insert the following as section 50A—</p> <p>Despite section 50, a form to be delivered to the Comptroller during the period 1 March, 2020 to 31 March, 2020 but not delivered during that period may be delivered on a later date as the Comptroller may by Order or Notice published in the Gazette specify.”</p>

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<p>Labour Code (Cap. 15.03)</p>	<p>Insert the following as section 126A—</p> <p><b>“126A.            Extension for renewal of work permit</b></p> <p>Despite section 126, a work permit or a temporary work permit which lapses and is not renewed during the period 1 March, 2020 to 30 June 2020 or a longer period as the Minister may by Order specify, is deemed to be valid until 31 July, 2020 or a later date as the Minister may by Order, specify.”</p>
<p>Liquor Licence Act (Cap. 10.13)</p>	<p>Insert the following as section 21A—</p> <p><b>“21.A            Extension for renewal of licence</b></p> <p>Despite section 21, a licence which lapses and is not renewed during the period 1 March, 2020 to 30 June 2020 or a longer period as the Minister may by Order specify, is deemed to be valid until 31 July, 2020 or a later date as the Minister may by Order, specify.”</p>
<p>Micro and Small Business Act (Cap 15.05)</p>	<p>Insert the following as section 10A—</p> <p><b>“10A.            Extension for renewal of licence</b></p> <p>Despite section 10, a licence which lapses and is not renewed during the period 1 March, 2020 to 30 June 2020 or a longer period as the Registrar may by Order or Notice published in the Gazette specify, is deemed to be valid until 31 July, 2020 or a later date as the Registrar may, by Order or Notice published in the Gazette specify.”</p>

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<p>Road Traffic Act (Cap. 7.06)</p>	<p>1. Insert the following as section 13A—</p> <p><b>“13A. Extension of time period for registration of transfer</b></p> <p>Despite section 13, the time period for any transfer of registration required to be completed prior to or during the period 1 March, 2020 to 30 June, 2020 or a longer period as the Minister may by Order specify is extended to 31 July, 2020 or a later date as the Minister may, by Order, specify.”</p> <p>2. Insert the following as section 39A—</p> <p><b>“39A. Extension of driver’s licence etc</b></p> <p>Despite any provision in the Road Traffic Act (Cap. 7.06), a driving permit, driver’s licence, motor vehicle licence, learner’s permit, certificate or other document issued under the Road Traffic Act (Cap. 7.06) which expires during the period 1 March, 2020 to 30 June or a longer period as the Minister may by Order specify, is deemed to be valid until 31 July, 2020 or a later date as the Minister may, by Order, specify.”</p>
<p>Trade Licence Act (Cap. 15.02)</p>	<p>Insert the following as section 5A—</p> <p><b>“5A. Extension of Permit</b></p> <p>Despite section 5(4) , a permit which lapses during the period 1 March, 2020 to 30 June 2020 or a longer period as the Minister may by Order specify, is deemed to be valid until 31 July, 2020 or a later date as the Minister may by Order, specify.”</p>

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<p>Trade Marks Act (Cap. 15.23)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Insert the following as section 22A—</p> <p><b>“22A.            Extension of registration</b></p> <p>Despite section 22(2) , a trademark which lapses during the period 1 March, 2020 to 30 June 2020 or a longer period as the Registrar may by Order or Notice published in the Gazette specify, is deemed to be valid until 31 July, 2020 or a later date as the Registrar may, by Order, or Notice published in the Gazette specify.”</p>
<p>Registration of Births and Deaths Act (Cap. 6.13)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Insert the following as section 10A—</p> <p><b>“10.A            “Extension of registration of birth</b></p> <p>(1) Despite section 10, the birth of a child during the period 13 December, 2019 to 30 June, 2020 or a longer period as the Registrar may by Order or Notice published in the Gazette specify, but not registered within three months after the birth of the child is not unlawful.</p> <p>(2) Subsection (1) shall not affect the obligation of a person to register the birth of the child no later than 31 July, 2020 or a longer period as the Minister may by Order, specify.</p> <p>(3) Where a person fails to register the birth of the child by 31 July, 2020 or any later date specified under subsection (1), the requirement that would have arisen in respect of the failure shall be revived and become applicable as if the extension in subsection (1) had not been granted.”</p>



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Registration of Business Names Act (Cap. 11.11)	<p>Insert the following as section 4A—</p> <p><b>“4A.                    Extension for filing of annual returns</b></p> <p>Despite section 4 a document to be submitted to the Registrar no later than 1 April, 2020 but not submitted, may be submitted on a later date as the Registrar may, by Order or Notice published in the Gazette specify.”</p>
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(Sgd.) Teresina Bodkin

**SPEAKER**

Passed by the Legislative Assembly this 24th day of June, 2020.

(Sgd.) Judith Baker

**CLERK OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**