

## **NEWSPAPER LICENSING REGULATIONS, 1989 (LI 1417).**

IN exercise of the powers conferred on the Secretary responsible for Information by subsection (3) of section 1 and section 4 of the Newspaper Licensing Law, 1989 (P.N.D.C.L. 211), these Regulations are made this 28th day of March 1989.

Regulation 1— Application for Grant of a Newspaper Licence.

Every application for the grant of a newspaper licence under section 1 of the Law shall—

- (a) be made in writing to the Secretary for Information, not less than 14 days before the date of the first publication of the newspaper;
- (b) be made in Form A specified in the Schedule to these Regulations;
- (c) contain full and accurate particulars of the matters referred to in that Form; and
- (d) be accompanied by a fee of ₦25,000.00.

Regulation 2—Exemption from Payment of Fees.

Applications for the publication of cultural, educational religious, technical, military or scientific newspapers as well as house magazines, newspapers published by diplomatic missions and newspapers meant for free distribution, shall not be accompanied by a fee.

Regulation 3—Duration of Newspaper Licence.

A licence shall, unless revoked be in force for twelve calendar of months.

Regulation 4—Renewal of a Newspaper Licence.

The provisions of regulation 1 of these Regulations shall apply to an application for the original grant of a licence and subject to any modifications that may be necessary to a renewal and, any application for a renewal shall be made to the Secretary not less than one month before the date on which the current licence expires and shall be accompanied by a fee of ₦25,000.00

Regulation 5—Form of a Newspaper Licence.

Every licence granted under the Law shall be in Form B specified in the Schedule.

Regulation 6—Imprint.

The Imprint on the newspaper must include, apart from the name of the editor, the publishers and the address of the printers, the number of the newspaper licence and the date of issue.

Regulation 7—Fees to be Refunded where Newspaper Licence not Granted.

Where, following an application duly made under these Regulations, a newspaper licence is not granted the fee which accompanied the application shall be refunded to the applicant.

**SCHEDULE**

FORM A

(Regulation 1)

THE NEWSPAPER LICENSING LAW, 1989 (P.N.D.C.L. 211)

APPLICATION FOR A NEWSPAPER LICENCE.

1. Title of Newspaper.....

2. Frequency of Publication.....

3. Name and Nationality of Editor .....

4. Place and Date of Birth of Editor.....

5. Have you ever changed your Nationality? .....

6. Present Address (Business).....

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7. Present Address (Residence).....

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8. Educational Qualification.....

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Schools Attended	Place from To	Certificate/Diploma obtained
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9. Working Experience.....

10. Have you ever been convicted of any criminal offence? If yes give, details and particulars

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11. Give names and addresses of three reputable Ghanaians who can vouch for your conduct and professional competence.....

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12. Name of Publishers .....

13. Place of Business of Proprietor (if different from Publishers).....  
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14. List members of Editorial Board/addresses.....  
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15. Give a brief statement of Editorial policy .....

16. What is the general scope of intended coverage? (Entertainment, sports, news analysis, etc.)  
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17. State the publication's advertising policy.....  
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18. Source of paper apart from Government .....

19. Name and Place of Printer.....  
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20. Place of Business of Publishers.....  
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21. Who are the financiers of your paper? (Give names and addresses) .....

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22. Date/No. of Registration with G.P.O. (if known) No.....

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23. Number and Date of your last Tax Clearance Certificate.....

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24. Social Security No. (attach valid clearance certificate) .....

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25. What is your planned circulation? .....

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26. Price of Paper.....

27. Who are your distributors? .....

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I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge the above particulars are true.

Date .....

Signature of Applicant

NB—Reapplicants should attach a copy of their latest issue.

New applicants should attach a dummy.

FORM B

(Regulation 5)

NEWSPAPER LICENCE

THE NEWSPAPER LICENSING LAW, 1989 (P.N.D.C.L. 211)

NO. OF LICENCE.....

1. For the purposes of section 1 of the Newspaper Licensing Law, 1989 (P.N.D.C.L. 211), I hereby grant a licence to.....

(Insert name of Publishers)

..... the publishers of .....

.....as respects

(Insert name of newspaper)

the printing, publishing and circulation of the said newspaper.

2. \*This Licence is granted subject to the following conditions:

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Date of issue ..... 19 .....

Secretary Responsible for Information

\*This paragraph is to be deleted if no conditions are attached to the licence.

DR. MOHAMMED BEN ABDALLAH

P.N.D.C. Secretary Responsible for Information

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