

Notification of the Ministry of Public Health

On Appointment of Public Health Officials in Pursuance of the Public Health Act B.E. 2535 (A.D. 1992)
B.E. 2562 (A.D. 2019)

Whereas it is deemed expedient to improve the Public Health Act on Appointment of Public Health Officials in Pursuance of the Public Health Act, B.E. 2535 (A.D. 1992), so as to be appropriate and consistent with the administration's regulatory principles, names of agencies, professional positions, and the roles that change.

By virtue of the provisions of Section 5 paragraph one of the Public Health Act, B.E. 2535 (A.D. 1992), the Minister of Public Health hereby issues this Notification as follows:

Clause 1. This Notification shall be referred to as "Notification of the Ministry of Public Health on Appointment of Public Health Officials in Pursuance of the Public Health Act B.E. 2535 (A.D. 1992), B.E. 2562 (A.D. 2019)".

Clause 2. This Notification shall come into force on the date immediately following that of its promulgation in the Government Gazette.

Clause 3. The Public Health Act on Appointment of Public Health Officials in Pursuance of the Public Health Act, B.E. 2535 (A.D. 1992), dated 28 December 2017 shall be repealed.

Clause 4. It prescribes that State officials and government officials under the Department of Health who serve the following positions shall be considered public health officials in pursuance of the Public Health Act, B.E. 2535 (A.D. 1992):

(1) Deputy Director-General entrusted by the Director-General of the Public Health Ministry;

(2) Expert public health technical officer (Sanitary);

(3) Expert public health technical officer (Health Promotion);

(4) Expert public health technical officer (Environmental Health);

(5) Director of the Department of Environmental Health;

(6) Public health technical officers, starting from professional level, entrusted by the Director of the Department of Environmental Health;

(7) Director of the Bureau of Food and Water Sanitation;

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(8) Public health technical officers, starting from professional level, entrusted by the Director of the Bureau of Food and Water Sanitation;

(9) Director of the Health Impact Assessment Division;

(10) Public health technical officers, starting from professional level, entrusted by the Director of the Health Impact Assessment Division;

(11) Director of the Public Health Law Administration Centre;

(12) Public health technical officers, starting from professional level, entrusted by the Director of the Public Health Law Administration Centre;

(13) Director of the Division of Physical Activity & Health;

(14) Public health technical officers, starting from professional level, entrusted by the Director of the Division of Physical Activity & Health;

(15) Director of Bureau of Health Promotion;

(16) Public health technical officers and pharmacists, starting from professional level, entrusted by the Director of Bureau of Health Promotion;

(17) Director of the Bureau of Elderly Health;

(18) Public health technical officers, starting from professional level, entrusted by the Director of the Bureau of Elderly Health;

(19) Director of the Health Centre;

(20) Public health technical officers, starting from professional level, entrusted by the Director of the Health Centre;

(21) Legal officers entrusted by the Director of Health Centre;

(22) Director of Metropolitan Health and Wellness Institution;

(23) Public health technical officers, starting from professional level, entrusted by the Director of Metropolitan Health and Wellness Institution;

(24) Legal officers entrusted by the Director of Metropolitan Health and Wellness Institution.

Clause 5. Prescribing that State officials and government officials under the Department of Disease Control who serve the following positions shall be considered public health officials in pursuance of the Public Health Act, B.E. 2535 (A.D. 1992):

(1) Deputy Director-General of the Department of Disease Control entrusted by the Director-General of the Department of Disease Control;

(2) Director of the Office of the Occupational and Environmental Diseases;

(3) Physicians, public health technical officers, registered nurses, and pharmacists, starting from practitioner level, public health officials, starting from professional level, and

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legal officers entrusted by the Director of the Office of the Occupational and Environmental Diseases;

(4) Director of the Bureau of General Communicable Diseases;

(5) Physicians, public health technical officers, registered nurses, and pharmacists, starting from practitioner level, public health officials, starting from professional level, and legal officers entrusted by the Director of the Bureau of General Communicable Diseases;

(6) Director of the Bureau of Epidemiology;

(7) Physicians, public health technical officers, registered nurses, and pharmacists, starting from practitioner level, public health officials, starting from professional level, and legal officers entrusted by the Director of the Bureau of Epidemiology;

(8) Director of the Office of the Vector-Borne Diseases;

(9) Physicians, public health technical officers, registered nurses, and pharmacists, starting from practitioner level, public health officials, starting from professional level, and legal officers entrusted by the Director of the Office of the Vector-Borne Diseases;

(10) Director of the Law Centre;

(11) Legal officers entrusted by the Director of the Law Centre;

(12) Director of the Urban Institute for Disease Prevention Control;

(13) Physicians, public health technical officers, registered nurses, and pharmacists, starting from practitioner level, public health officials, starting from professional level, and legal officers entrusted by the Director of the Urban Institute for Disease Prevention Control;

(14) Director of the Office for Disease Prevention Control;

(15) Physicians, public health technical officers, registered nurses, and pharmacists, starting from practitioner level, public health officials, starting from professional level, and legal officers entrusted by the Director of the Office for Disease Prevention Control.

Clause 6. It prescribes that State officials and government officials under the Office of the Permanent Secretary in the Provincial Administration who serve the following positions shall be considered public health officials in pursuance of the Public Health Act, B.E. 2535 (A.D. 1992):

(1) Provincial public health physicians;

(2) Medical doctors, expert level (Preventive Medicine);

(3) Public health technical officers, expert level (Developmental Promotion);

(4) Public health technical officers, disease control officers, pharmacists, registered nurses, legal officers, and policy and plan analysts, starting from practitioner level, public health officials, and pharmaceutical officers, starting from professional level, entrusted by provincial public health physicians;

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(5) Director of central hospitals, general hospitals and community hospitals;

(6) Physicians, pharmacists, registered nurses, and public health technical officers, starting from practitioner level, pharmaceutical officers, technical nurses, and public health officials, starting from professional level, entrusted by the director of central hospitals, general hospitals or community hospitals, as the case may be;

(7) District Public Health Office;

(8) Public health technical officers and registered nurses, starting from practitioner level, public health officials and technical nurses, starting from professional level, entrusted by the District Public Health Office;

(9) Director of Subdistrict Health Promoting Hospital;

(10) Public health technical officers and registered nurses, starting from practitioner level, who are based at Subdistrict Health Promoting Hospital.

Clause 7. It prescribes that State officials under local government who serve the following positions shall be considered public health officials in pursuance of the Public Health Act, B.E. 2535 (A.D. 1992):

(1) It prescribes that State officials under Bangkok Metropolitan Administration who serve the following positions shall be considered public health officials in pursuance of the Public Health Act, B.E. 2535 (A.D. 1992):

(1.1) Director of the Bureau of Health;

(1.2) Director of the Bureau of Environment;

(1.3) Director of the Environmental Sanitation Division, Bureau of Health;

(1.4) Director of the Food Sanitation Division, Bureau of Health;

(1.5) Director of Waste and Sewage Disposal Division, the Bureau of Environment;

(1.6) Team leaders in the Bureau of Environmental Sanitation, Bureau of Health;

(1.7) Team leaders in the Food Sanitation Division, Bureau of Health;

(1.8) Heads of Academic Management Division and Heads of Environmental Research and Development;

(1.9) Head of Environment and Sanitation, District Office.

(2) It prescribes that State officials under Pattaya City who serve the following positions shall be considered public health officials in pursuance of the Public Health Act, B.E. 2535 (A.D. 1992):

(2.1) Chief Administrator of Pattaya;

(2.2) Director of Bureau of Public Health;

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(2.3) Director of Environmental Bureau;

(2.4) Physicians, veterinarians, registered nurses, public health technical officers, sanitation technical officers, animal husbandry technical officers, environmental technical officers, and legal officers, starting from practitioner level, who are entrusted by the Governor of Pattaya City;

(2.5) Veterinarians, technical nurses, public health technical officers, sanitation technical officers, and animal husbandry technical officers, starting from professional level, who are entrusted by the Governor of Pattaya City.

(3) It prescribes that State officials under the Provincial Administrative Organisation, Municipality, and Subdistrict Administrative Organisation, who serve the following positions shall be considered public health officials in pursuance of the Public Health Act, B.E. 2535 (A.D. 1992):

(3.1) Chief of Provincial Administrative Organisation;

(3.2) Heads of Office of the Chief Administrator of Provincial Administrative Organisation entrusted by Chief Executive of the Provincial Administrative Organisation;

(3.3) Registered nurses, public health technical officers, environmental technical officers and legal officers, starting from practitioner level, who are entrusted by Chief Executive of the Provincial Administrative Organisation;

(3.4) Technical nurses and public health officials, starting from professional level, entrusted by Chief Executive of the Provincial Administrative Organisation;

(3.5) Other positions under the Provincial Administrative Organisation responsible for public health and environmental tasks, which are entrusted by Chief Executive of the Provincial Administrative Organisation;

(3.6) Municipal clerk;

(3.7) Director of Office of Public Health and Environment, Municipality;

(3.8) Director of Division of Public Health and Environment, Municipality;

(3.9) Division or Department Heads of Division of Public Health and Environment, Municipality;

(3.10) Physicians, veterinarians, registered nurses, public health technical officers, sanitary technical officers, animal husbandry technical officers, environmental officers, and legal officers, starting from practitioner level, who are entrusted by Mayor;

(3.11) Veterinarians, technical nurses, public health officials, sanitation technical officers, and animal husbandry technical officers, who are entrusted by Mayor;

(3.12) Chief Administrator of the Subdistrict Administration Organisation;

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(3.13) Director of Division of Public Health and Environment, Subdistrict Administrative Organisation;

(3.14) Department Heads or Chief Administrators of Division of Public Health and Environment, Subdistrict Administrative Organisation, or equivalents;

(3.15) Physicians, veterinarians, technical nurses, public health technical officers, sanitation technical officers, animal husbandry technical officers, environmental technical officers, and legal officers, starting from practitioner, who are entrusted by Chief Executive of the Subdistrict Administrative Organisation;

(3.16) Veterinarians, technical nurses, public health officials, sanitation officials, and animal husbandry technical officers, starting from professional level, who are entrusted by Chief Executive of the Subdistrict Administration Organisation.

Clause 8. It prescribes that State officials who serve the positions of physicians, veterinarians, animal husbandry technical officers, public health technical officers, disease control technical officers, sanitation technical officers, environmental technical officers, pharmacists, registered nurses, policy and plan analysts, and legal officers in the practitioner level, and veterinarians, technical nurses, animal husbandry technical officers, pharmaceutical officers, sanitation officers, and public health officers in the professional level, who are considered public health officials in pursuance of this Notification shall participate in training based on the training criteria, procedures, and conditions for public health officials as determined by the Department of Health.

Prescribing that legal officers of any division entrusted to be public health officials in pursuance of this Notification shall participate in training under paragraph one.

Clause 9. Responsibility assignment under this Notification shall be carried out in writing. In this regard, the assignment shall prioritise State officials or government officials who possess knowledge and are responsible for public health and environmental health matters.

Clause 10. Prescribing that public health officials under Clause 4 (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13), (14), (15), (16), (17) and (18) shall have authority to inspect, render advice, and be responsible for enforcement of the Public Health Act and the Order of National Council for Peace and Order No. 22/2558 on Preventive Measures and Solutions for Car and Bike Racing in Public Ways and Control of Entertainment Venues or Establishments of which the nature is similar to that of entertainment venues in all localities of all provinces throughout the country, and public health officials under Clause 4 (19), (20), (21), (22), (23), and (24) shall have authority over specific localities of provinces that are responsible by each Health Centre entrusted by the Department of Health.

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Clause 11. Prescribing that public health officials described under Clause 5 (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10) and (11) shall have authority to inspect, render advice and be responsible for the enforcement of the Public Health Act and the Order of National Council for Peace and Order No. 22/2558 on Preventive Measures and Solutions for Car and Bike Racing in Public Ways and Control of Entertainment Venues or Establishments of which the nature is similar to that of entertainment venues in all localities of all provinces throughout the country, and public health officials under Clause 5 (12), (13), (14), and (15) shall have authority over specific localities of provinces that are responsible by each Disease Control Bureau entrusted by the Department of Disease Control.

Clause 12. Prescribing that public health officials described under Clause 6 shall have authority to inspect, render advice and be responsible for the enforcement of the Public Health Act and the Order of National Council for Peace and Order No. 22/2558 on Preventive Measures and Solutions for Car and Bike Racing in Public Ways and Control of Entertainment Venues or Establishments of which the nature is similar to that of entertainment venues in specific localities that they have authority to monitor or are responsible for official tasks.

Clause 13. Prescribing that public health officials described under Clause 7 shall have authority to inspect, render advice and be responsible for the enforcement of the Public Health Act and the Order of National Council for Peace and Order No. 22/2558 on Preventive Measures and Solutions for Car and Bike Racing in Public Ways and Control of Entertainment Venues or Establishments of which the nature is similar to that of entertainment venues in specific localities responsible by such local government.

Clause 14. It prescribes that State officials who serve the positions of veterinarians, technical nurses, animal husbandry officers, pharmaceutical officers, sanitation officers, and public health officials in the professional level who have been considered public health officials prior to the enforcement of this Notification shall continue to carry out their duties by not participating in public health official training under Clause 8.

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