

CHAPTER 30. No. 14.

LICENSING OF DEALERS (PRECIOUS METALS AND STONES).

Ordinance No. 11-1945. AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE LICENSING OF DEALERS AND SALE OF PRECIOUS METALS AND STONES.

Commencement.

[15th June, 1945.]

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Licensing of Dealers (Precious Metals and Stones) Ordinance.

Interpretation.

2. In this Ordinance—

“precious metals” include bullion, platinum, gold and silver coins, and jewellery made from same;

“stones” include diamonds, rubies and precious and semi-precious stones.

Dealers to be licensed.

3. It shall not be lawful for any person to carry on the business of a dealer in precious metals and stones unless he shall have previously taken out a licence under this Ordinance.

Licences.

4. (1) Licences under this Ordinance shall be granted by and at the discretion of the Magistrate of the district in which the premises to be licensed are situate.

(2) No such licence shall be granted without the previous report of the officer of Police in charge of the division in which the premises to be licensed are situate, and before the expiration of twenty-one days at least after application in writing has been made therefor to the Magistrate.

(3) Such licences shall be in the form in the First 1st Schedule. Schedule hereto, and shall be annual licences terminating on the 31st of December of the year for which they are granted. A fee of \$2.40 shall be paid to the Magistrate for each such licence.

5. Over one of the principal entrances to the premises Signboard. licensed under this Ordinance there shall be placed a board on which shall be printed, in legible letters of at least two inches in length, the name in full of the person holding such licence and the words "Licensed dealer in precious metals and stones."

6. (1) Every person licensed under this Ordinance shall Dealer to keep books— 2nd and 3rd Schedules. keep his books in the forms in the Second and Third Schedules hereto, and he shall legibly enter in ink in the appropriate book, the date and hour of the day when any precious metals or stones are purchased, received or sold, the name in full, and the residence and occupation of the person from whom any such metals or stones are purchased, or received, and to whom any such metals or stones are sold, and in the case of an agent, the name and address of the principal, the quantity purchased, received or sold, and the price paid or received for the same. Every such entry as aforesaid shall be made at the time of such sale, purchase, or dealing, and shall be signed by the vendor or his agent and the licensee or his agent.

(2) No such person shall purchase or receive any such Times for dealing. precious metals or stones except between the hours of seven o'clock in the morning and six o'clock in the evening.

(3) No such person shall purchase or receive any Persons under 16 years. precious metals or stones from any person apparently under the age of sixteen years.

(4) No such person shall employ any servant or apprentice or other person under the age of sixteen years to purchase or receive such precious metals or stones. Idem.

7. It shall be lawful for any constable at any time when the licensed premises are open for business to inspect any such book as aforesaid and all precious metals and stones Power of entry and inspection.

in the premises of any licensee under this Ordinance; and such licensee, or his representative, or the person in charge of such premises, or the person in whose custody or charge such book, precious metals or stones maybe, or the person who shall have made any entry in such book with respect to which any such constable may desire to ask any questions, shall permit such constable to inspect such book, precious metals and stones, and shall answer all such questions as shall be asked by such constable with reference to such book, precious metals or stones or any of the entries or contents of such book.

Goods purchased to be kept for 10 days.

8. All precious metals and stones purchased or received by a licensed dealer shall be kept in the licensed premises and shall not in any way be changed in form or shape or disfigured for a period of at least ten days after such precious metals and stones shall have been purchased or received:

Exemption.

Provided that the officer of Police in charge of the division in which the licensee carries on his business may, in his discretion, on the application of any licensee, grant a permit for the shipment or alteration in form or shape of any such precious metals or stones without the same having been kept for such period of ten days.

Failing to give information to Police.

9. Every person licensed under this Ordinance who, after notice has been given to him by any constable or by advertisement in the *Royal Gazette* that any precious metals and stones have been stolen or fraudulently obtained, fails to give information to the Police that articles of the like description were offered to him or were or are in his possession, shall be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance.

Penalties.

10. Every person who shall do or omit to do anything which is by this Ordinance forbidden or required to be done, or shall assault, resist, oppose, hinder, prevent, or obstruct any person acting under and by the authority of this Ordinance, or shall in any way violate or assist in, or be party to, the violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance, or shall be guilty of any offence against this Ordinance, shall be liable, on summary conviction to a fine of four hundred and eighty dollars or six months imprisonment, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

11. When any person licensed under this Ordinance is convicted of any offence against the provisions of this Ordinance, it shall be lawful for the Court, if it sees fit, to cancel the licence of such person. Licence may be cancelled on conviction.

12. All moneys received for licences, and all penalties recovered under this Ordinance shall be paid into the Treasury for the use of the Colony. Appropriation of moneys.

## SCHEDULES

### FIRST SCHEDULE.

(Section 4.)

#### Form of Licence.

*A.B.*, having this day paid the sum of \$2.40, is hereby authorised and licensed to deal in precious metals and stones at \_\_\_\_\_ in accordance with the provisions of the Licensing of Dealers (Precious Metals and Stones) Ordinance.

This licence expires on the 31st December, 19 .

*C.D.*  
Magistrate.

Dated at            this            day of            19 .

### SECOND SCHEDULE.

(Section 6.)

#### Receipt Book.

Date.	Hour.	Name in full of Seller.	Residence.	Occupation.	Name and address of Principal.	Description of Article purchased.	Weight.	Price.	Signature of Seller and Licensee.

