

DECLARATION OF A WORKING DOG(S)

IN THE MATTER of the Dog Control Act 1996

IN THE MATTER of the registration of a dog(s) as a working dog(s)

I _____

of _____

Occupation _____

do solemnly and sincerely declare that the following dog(s) are working dog(s), (as defined by the Dog Control Act 1996) and I am the owner (as defined in the Act) of such dog(s):

	Reg. No.	Sex	Age	Name	Breed	Colour
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Signed: _____

Dated: _____

Note: Refer overleaf for the definitions of a "working dog" and "owner" as defined by the Dog Control Act 1996.

Note: Section 40(1) of the Dog Control Act 1996 states: Where the territorial authority fixes a fee for the registration of a working dog that is lower than that fixed for a dog that is not a working dog, any person claiming to register any dog as a working dog shall, if so required by the territorial authority, make a written statement that the dog is a working dog of a specified class.

Note: Section 41 of the Dog Control Act 1996 states: Every person commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,500.00 who, in making an application for the registration of a dog, makes any written statement knowing that statement to be false.

Any person falsely declaring a working dog will be prosecuted.

“Owner”, in relation to any dog, means every person who --

- (a) Owns the dog; or
- (b) Has the dog in his or her possession, whether the dog is at large or in confinement, otherwise than for a period not exceeding 72 hours for the purpose of preventing the dog causing injury, damage, or distress, or for the sole purpose of restoring a lost dog to its owner; or
- (c) The parent or guardian of a person under the age of 16 years who --
 - (i) Is the owner of the dog pursuant to paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) of this definition; and
 - (ii) Is a member of the parent or guardian’s household living with and dependent on the parent or guardian; --

but does not include any person who has seized or taken custody of the dog under this Act or the Animals Protection Act 1960 or the National Parks Act 1980 or the Conservation Act 1987 or any order made under this Act or the Animals Protection Act 1960:

“Working dog” means --

- (a) Any guide dog, hearing ear dog, or companion dog
- (b) Any dog --
 - (i) Kept by the Police or any constable, the Customs Department, the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Fisheries, or the Ministry of Defence, or any office or employee of any such Department of State solely or principally for the purposes of carrying out the functions, powers, and duties of the Police or the Department of State or that constable, officer, or employee; or
 - (ii) Kept solely or principally for the purposes of herding or driving stock; or
 - (iii) Kept by the Department of conservation or any officer or employee of that Department solely or principally for the purposes of carrying out the functions, duties, and powers of that Department; or
 - (iv) Kept solely or principally for the purposes of destroying pests or pest agents under any pest management strategy under the Biosecurity Act 1993; or
 - (v) Owned by a security guard as defined in section 4 of the Private Investigators and Security Guards Act 1974 and kept solely or principally for the purposes of carrying on the business of a security guard; or
 - (vi) Declared by resolution of the territorial authority to be a working dog for the purposes of this Act, or any dog of a class so declared by the authority, being a dog owned by any class of persons specified in the resolution and kept solely or principally for the purposes specified in the resolution.