

Advisory for Resumption of Operations by Pivoted Nightlife Establishments

Following the mandatory two-week suspension announced by the Multi-Ministry Task Force on 16 July 2021, nightlife establishments which were previously allowed to temporarily pivot to food and beverage (F&B) operations (pivoted nightlife establishments) **must pass inspections and receive a conditional permit from the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) before they can resume operations**. Pivoted nightlife establishments that have breached Safe Management Measures (SMMs) between October 2020 and July 2021 are, however, **not allowed to resume operations**. Please refer to the [media release](#) dated 31 Jul 2021 for more information.

2 Pivoted nightlife establishments who have been compliant can apply for a conditional permit to resume operations provided they comply with additional requirements directed at further reducing public health risks and facilitating enforcement checks, which will be imposed as conditions in their conditional permits. To ensure that pivoted nightlife establishments are capable of complying with these additional requirements, pivoted nightlife establishments will be required to submit certain documents in their application for inspection. These requirements and key fulfilment criteria are set out in the table below, which also sets out the necessary documents that licensees are required to submit (in bold) as part of their application for inspection.

S/N	Requirements	Fulfilment Criteria
1	All staff of pivoted nightlife establishments must undergo a one-time ART test at approved institutions / clinics and the costs of such tests shall be fully borne by the company or the staff. The list of approved institutions can be found on MOH website.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operators to provide evidence of ART test of individual staff along with Nominal Roll of pivoted nightlife establishments [Examples of evidence: ART test results on Health Hub, or an SMS from MOH indicating negative ART result] • PCR/ART tests taken after 16 Jul 2021 are valid for the purpose of the application for inspection. • A nominal roll template can be found here.
2	All pivoted nightlife establishments must ensure that following measures are in place to ensure compliance with existing SMMs:	-
	a) Put up clear signages at prominent locations within the permitted enterprise to inform customers/ visitors that non-permitted forms of public entertainment such as dice games are prohibited.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operators to put up and provide photos of the signages • Prominent locations include but are not limited to: Outside the entrance of the outlet, at the cashier counter, at key locations where customers/ visitors are served. • The size of the wordings on the signages should be clearly legible on at least A4 sized paper, with at least font size 26 pt. The type of font should also be clearly

		<p>legible such as Arial or Times New Roman.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agencies will have the discretion to reject any signages which they deem to be not clearly legible.
	b) Ensure all entrances are manned and SafeEntry check in/out is conducted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operators to provide an operational plan which includes a roster and the names of staff to man the entrances. Operators to provide proof of SafeEntry business account Operators to provide pictures of safe-entry set-up and equipment.
	c) Ensure 1 metre safe distance can be maintained between seats of customers/ visitors, according to prevailing group size for dine-ins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operators to provide a site plan showing the seating arrangements and distance between adjacent seats
3	All pivoted nightlife establishments must ensure that only the main hall(s) can be used for F&B operations; private rooms are to be locked and not used for any purpose, including storage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operators to provide a site plan to demarcate the main hall, where F&B operations will take place, and the private rooms that will be locked.
4	All pivoted nightlife establishments must ensure that non-permitted public entertainment equipment (e.g. pool tables, dart boards, and karaoke machines) are out of sight.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operators to ensure that this is completed prior to inspection. Covering up of the equipment without removal from view is not allowed. The equipment should be kept in areas which are not visible to and/or accessible by customers/ visitors.
5	All pivoted nightlife establishments must ensure that no dancing of any kind between any number of persons may take place.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The designation of an area to be used for dancing activities is not allowed.
6	All pivoted nightlife establishments must install closed-circuit television cameras (CCTVs) to cover all areas of operations (with the exception of restrooms) including entrances of (locked) private rooms. Lighting levels in outlets must be sufficient for activity to be observed on CCTVs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operators to install the CCTV, if necessary Operators to provide photographic evidence and technical specifications of the CCTV Operators to provide CCTV site plan <p>CCTVs must satisfy the following requirements</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCTVs must be able capable of recording colour images <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. at the resolution of HD 1080: 1920×1080 pixels or equivalent; ii. at 12 frames per second; and iii. under low lighting conditions. • Be in good order and operational at all times when the permitted premises are open. • The premises must retain each recording made using the electronic video surveillance system for a period of not less than 28 days after the date the recording is made; and display a sign at a prominent location within the permitted premises, stating that the premises are under CCTV surveillance.
7	<p>The interior of the establishment must be clearly visible to the public; No blackout windows or opaque doors are allowed. Tinted windows are allowed, but should not prevent the interior of the outlet from being visible.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operators to change the doors and windows, if necessary • Operators to mark out in a site plan the doors and windows along the perimeter of the establishment or indicate if the establishment is adopting an open concept. • Operators to provide photos of all doors and windows indicated on the site plan, which allow the public to view the interior of the establishment clearly.
8	<p>All pivoted nightlife establishments must implement SafeEntry Gateway (SEGW) at the entry/exit point to facilitate contact tracing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operators to provide photographic evidence of SafeEntry set-up and equipment. • SEGW application and user guides can be found here. You may also surface your enquiries to SafeEntry support.
9	<p>All pivoted nightlife establishments must ensure that the food preparation facilities and menu comply with SFA licencing conditions. Equipment must be in working condition.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operators to provide a copy of the menu and photos of kitchen equipment and food preparation facilities. • Pivoted nightlife establishments must prepare food within their own establishments and are not allowed to obtain food from other restaurants, food catering services or via food delivery.

10	All staff of pivoted nightlife establishments deployed at the entrance must not delay entry of enforcement officers, nor prevent members of public from looking in.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If enforcement officers are delayed entry, or if establishments present any false or misleading information to deter agencies' investigation, establishments are liable for cancellation of their temporary permits.
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3 The steps for reopening are as follows:

- A. Reference the table above as a checklist, and ensure your premises fulfil the aforementioned SMM requirements. Please be reminded that **establishments that had previously breached SMMs are not allowed to resume operations.**
- B. Submit an inspection request to MTI via covid_gobusiness@mti.gov.sg with the email header "Inspection Request for [company name and SFA Licence Number]".
- C. A government agency overseeing SMMs for your establishment shall contact you within 7 working days, and request for the documents (as required in the table above). If the documentation is in order, the agency will schedule an inspection for your premises.

4 Please note that details in the table above may be updated from time to time.

5 Please refer to [Advisory for Food & Beverage establishments](#) for more information on SMMs for F&B establishments.

6 Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in keeping Singapore safe.