

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DISTRICT COUNCILS) ACT
(Cap. 40:01)

**CENTRAL DISTRICT (OPERATION OF PAYPHONES)
(CONTROL) BYE-LAWS, 2010**
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SCHEDULE

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by section 33 of the Local Government (District Councils) Act, and with the approval of the Minister of Local Government, the Central District Council hereby makes the following Bye-Laws —

1. These Bye-Laws may be cited as the Central District (Operation of Pay Phones) (Control) Bye-Laws, 2010. Citation
2. In these Bye-Laws, unless the context otherwise requires — Interpretation
 - “authorised official” means the Council Secretary or any employee of the Council duly authorised as such by the Council;
 - “Council” means the Central District Council;
 - “certificate” means a desk public pay phone or meter pay phone certificate issued under bye-law 5;
 - “desk public pay phone” means a desk placed phone commonly placed at the entrance of shops or any designated place which is mostly coin operated;
 - “meter pay phone” means a phone which has a meter that determines the bill of the caller immediately after the call; and
 - “telephone attendant” means a person who operates any type of phone specified in these Bye-Laws.

Application
Cap. 03:02
Application
for certificate

3. These Bye-Laws shall apply to the whole of the Central District Council area as prescribed under the Administrative Districts Act.

4. (1) Any person who wishes to carry on the business of operating a desk public pay phone or a meter pay phone may make an application in writing to the Council, supplying such information as the Council may require and, in particular —

- (a) specify the type of phone to be used;
- (b) provide a sketch plan of the location in which he intends to trade at;
- (c) provide a certified copy of his identity card; and
- (d) provide, in case of a sublet, a lease agreement.

(2) Any person who wishes to conduct the business of operating a desk public pay phone or a meter pay phone on unallocated land shall apply to the relevant land authority for temporary rights to use the land before applying for a certificate.

Issue of
certificate

5. (1) The Council may, if it is satisfied that the requirements of bye-law 4 have been met, and on payment of a fee of P20, issue a certificate to operate a desk public phone or meter pay phone as set out in Form A of the Schedule, subject to such conditions as it considers necessary or expedient, having regard to these Bye-Laws.

(2) The Council may refuse to issue a certificate to a person if —

- (a) the person has not complied with the provisions of bye-law 4;
- (b) the person is not a citizen of Botswana;
- (c) the Council is satisfied that the issue of a certificate would be contrary to public interest; or
- (d) the Council is satisfied that the carrying on of business in a particular area would conflict with the Town and Country Planning Act or the Tribal Land Act.

Cap. 32:09
Cap. 32:02
Period of
certificate

6. A certificate issued under bye-law 5 shall be valid for a period of two years and, unless renewed under bye-law 7, shall expire immediately after the lapse of the two years from the date of issue.

Renewal of
certificate

7. A certificate may, upon expiry, be renewed by application made to the Council in Form B as set out in the Schedule, and on payment of a fee of P20, for a further period of two years.

Issue of
duplicate
certificate

8. Any person whose certificate is lost or damaged may make an application to the Council for a duplicate certificate and shall on payment of a fee of P5, be issued with such a duplicate certificate.

Display of
certificate

9. (1) A certificate holder shall display a valid certificate at the premises or location where the business is being conducted.

(2) Any person who contravenes the provisions of sub-bye-law (1) commits an offence and is liable to a penalty specified in bye-law 17.

Suspension,
cancellation,
etc.

10. (1) The Council may suspend a certificate issued under bye-law 5 if —

- (a) there is non-compliance with any condition of the certificate; or
- (b) the holder purports to hire, cede or transfer the certificate in any way to another person without permission from the Council.

(2) The Council may cancel a certificate where —

- (a) it reasonably believes that it is in the interest of the public to do so;
- (b) the continuing use of the certificate will constitute a danger to public health;
- (c) the holder is convicted of an offence under these Bye-Laws; or
- (d) the certificate holder has failed to comply with a request to renovate or replace a structure under bye-law 12 (2).

<p>11. (1) Any person who wishes to have his certificate modified or varied may make an application in writing to the Council giving reasons why a modification or variation is required.</p>	<p>Modification</p>
<p>(2) The Council may, if it considers it necessary or expedient having regard to these Bye-Laws, modify or vary conditions attached to a certificate.</p>	
<p>12. (1) A person shall not —</p>	<p>Prohibited forms of use of desk public pay phone/meter pay phone</p>
<p>(a) in any area operate a desk public pay phone or meter pay phone unless granted permission by the Council to do so;</p>	
<p>(b) in any area erect or install a booth stall or similar structure unless granted planning permission by the Council;</p>	
<p>(c) refuse at the request of a Police Officer or authorised council official to move a desk public pay phone or meter pay phone and any object associated with his trade, so as to allow the Council to clear an area in which such business is conducted;</p>	
<p>(d) conduct the business of a desk public pay phone or meter pay phone in any undesignated area unless permission of the Council has been granted; or</p>	
<p>(e) conduct the business of a desk public pay phone or meter pay phone in a way that is likely to hinder or obstruct the vision and free movement of traffic.</p>	
<p>13. (1) A person who carries on the business of a desk public pay phone or meter pay phone shall use structures which —</p>	<p>Structures used for business</p>
<p>(a) are constructed with material that is fire resistant and well ventilated to ensure health and safety of the telephone attendant and customers;</p>	
<p>(b) are in conformity with its surrounding environment; and</p>	
<p>(c) provide enough cover for the telephone attendant and customers against rain, wind and the sun.</p>	
<p>(2) The Council may request for the renovation or replacement of a structure used for operating the business of a desk public phone or meter pay phone.</p>	
<p>(3) The Council may, where possible, provide a model or sample of a preferred booth stall and may consider other booth stall models submitted to it if such models meet the required standard.</p>	
<p>(4) The booth stall shall only be used for the phone business applied for.</p>	
<p>14. The telephone attendant shall have the responsibility to keep the surroundings of a desk public pay phone or meter pay phone business clean by providing a rubbish bin next to such desk public pay phone or meter pay phone.</p>	<p>Sanitary conditions</p>
<p>15. (1) A certificate holder shall on demand by a Police Officer or authorised official, produce the certificate for inspection or otherwise shall, within a specified period of time as will be stipulated, produce such certificate for inspection at the station of such Police Officer or the office of such authorised official.</p>	<p>Certificate to be produced for inspection</p>
<p>(2) Any person who contravenes the provisions of sub bye-law (1) commits an offence and is liable to a penalty specified in bye-law 17.</p>	
<p>16. Any person aggrieved by any decision of the Council under these Bye-Laws may appeal to the Minister within 30 days of notification of that decision.</p>	<p>Appeals</p>
<p>17. (1) Any person who commits an offence under these Bye Laws shall be liable —</p>	<p>Penalties</p>
<p>(a) for a first offence, to a fine not exceeding P1 000, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or to both; and</p>	
<p>(b) for a second or subsequent offence, to a fine not exceeding P2 000, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or to both.</p>	

(2) A person convicted of an offence under these Bye-Laws may in addition to any penalty to which he may be liable to have his certificate cancelled with effect from a date as the court may determine or have goods associated with his desk public pay phone or meter pay phone business impounded or confiscated.

Revocation of
Statutory
Instrument
No. 1 of 2006

18. Statutory Instrument No. 1 of 2006 is hereby revoked.

SCHEDULE

Form A

DESK PUBLIC PAY PHONE/METER PAY PHONE CERTIFICATE
(bye-law 5)

Certificate number:

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Surname:

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Other names:

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Identity number:

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Place of birth:

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Gender:

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Physical address:

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Contact number:

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Plot No./Ward:

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The holder of this certificate is hereby granted permission in accordance with the Central District Council (Operation of Pay Phones) (Control) Bye-Laws to carry on the business of a

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in the following location —

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space measuring —

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Subject to the following conditions —

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Date on which the application was considered:

Date of issue:

Fee paid:

OFFICIAL STAMP

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Council Secretary

Form B

**APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF A DESK PUBLIC PHONE/METER
PAY PHONE CERTIFICATE
(bye-law 7)**

Full names of applicant:

Postal Address:.....

Identity number:

Gender:

Physical address:

Hereby makes an application for the renewal of —

Certificate Number:.....

Issued on the:.....
(Date of issue)

At:.....
(Place of issue)

In respect of operating a phone shop business at the following location —

Location:.....

Space measuring:

Date:

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Signature or right thumb-print of applicant

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Comments from Building Control Unit –

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Conditions of renewal –

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Approved or rejected

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Council Secretary

MADE this day of , 2010.

M.E. MACHENG,
*Council Secretary,
Central District Council.*

APPROVED this 10th day of May, 2010.

LEBONAAMANG T. MOKALAKE,
Minister of Local Government.

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