

Guidelines on Display and Use of the Flag during COVID-19 Period

In response to public requests to display the National Flag during this period, the Singapore Arms and Flag and National Anthem (SAFNA) Rules have been amended to allow all organisations and households to display the National Flag at their offices, building premises, and residential premises with immediate effect until the end of the National Day celebrations period on 30 September 2020. Having people display the Flag to express resolve and optimism, and to rally fellow Singaporeans, would be a powerful symbol of solidarity and help lift spirits during this difficult time.

1. Display of the Flag

During this period, the Flag may be displayed without being flown from a flagpole, and it may be displayed at night without being illuminated. Do observe the following guidelines when displaying the Flag outside a building:

- The Flag should always be treated with respect, and used in an appropriate and dignified manner.
- When the Flag is hung against a vertical flat surface, the crescent and stars should be on the top left position as seen by someone facing the Flag.
- The Flag should not be displayed below any other flag, emblem or object.
- Torn or worn-out Flags should not be displayed and should be packed into a sealed black trash bag before being disposed of.

You may refer to the SAFNA Rules available at <http://sso.agc.gov.sg> for the full rules on proper display of the Flag.

2. Use of the Flag

During this period, some of the guidelines regarding the use of the Flag are relaxed. These include:

- Featuring the Flag on decals and stickers, posters or other visual images;
- Incorporation of the Flag or image thereof as part of a costume or attire;
- Display of the Flag on any vehicle, other than a hearse.

Approval is not required for these uses provided that they are for non-commercial use and users do so in a manner that does not give rise to any disrespect to the Flag. Users should ensure that:

- Any Flags produced or displayed should not bear any graphics or word superimposed on the design of the Flag.
- The Flag should not be displayed below any other flag, emblem or object.

Usage for Commercial Purposes

If you wish to incorporate the Flag as part of any commercial product for sale or as part of an advertisement, please submit your request using our [National Symbols form](#) and we will get back to you.

FAQs on Display and Use of the Flag during the COVID-19 Period

1. Is the display of the Flag at HDB flats and other residences and building premises permitted during this period?

Yes, the Singapore Arms and Flag and National Anthem Rules, which govern the display of the Flag, have been amended to allow people to display their Flags with immediate effect, till 30 Sept 2020.

2. Why has permission been given to display the Flag now, ahead of the usual National Day celebrations period?

Amid the COVID-19 situation, the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth has received a number of requests from members of the public who are keen to display the Flag as a demonstration of unity and solidarity with others in society, even as we may be physically apart.

Singaporeans have been working hard at the frontline, or staying at home for Singapore, helping one another in these difficult times. The Flag will serve to inspire and remind us of what we are doing this for and to thank each other for our efforts.

3. What is the period that residents are permitted to display the Flag?

The Flag may be displayed from 25 April to 30 September 2020.

4. Beyond permitting the display of the Flag outdoors without a flagpole and proper night illumination, would the other uses, typically allowed during the National Day Celebrations period, be also allowed?

Yes, the permission to display the Flag during this period would include display of the Flag in other ways such as using images of the Flag on attire, decals, stickers, posters and other visual images. Please remember that the Flag should always be to be treated with respect, and graphics or words cannot be superimposed on the design of the Flag.

5. What can I do if I do not have a Flag at home?

If you do not own a Flag, you can still show your support by printing or drawing the Flag for display at home, or by displaying it on your social media profiles. Templates can be found on NHB's website (<https://go.gov.sg/nationalflag>), which you can download and use. Alternatively, you may find the Flag online from party and event suppliers.

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