

APPROVED  
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of the National Library of Estonia  
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## **RULES FOR USERS OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF ESTONIA**

### **1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1.1. The Rules for Users of the National Library of Estonia (hereinafter Rules for Users) have been established under subsection (1) of section 7 of the National Library of Estonia Act and set out the bases of and procedure for the registration as a user, organisation of the use of services and collections, internal rules, and the responsibility of a registered user.

1.2. The function of the National Library of Estonia (hereinafter Library) is to provide a public service.

1.3. The use of Library's items and databases is free of charge; other services may be charged with a fee according to the price list of services.

### **2. REGISTRATION OF USERS**

2.1. A person may register oneself as the user of the Library on site or by submitting the registration application on the web. For on-site registration, the applicant has to produce a valid identity document with a photograph or a student card.

2.2. On the registration application, the applicant shall submit their first name and surname, personal identification code (in the absence of the personal identification code, the date of birth), postal address, telephone number, e-mail address and, optionally, indicate their areas of activity and interest and whether they want to subscribe for the Library's newsletter.

2.3. The user must notify the Library of the changes of their data or update their data themselves on the Library's home page.

2.4. On the registration application, the user shall confirm with their signature that they accept the conditions of the Rules for Users.

### **3. PROCESSING THE PERSONAL DATA OF USERS**

3.1. The personal data of registered users shall be processed in accordance with the *Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation)* and in compliance with the Library's procedure for processing personal data.

### **4. USE OF SERVICES**

4.1. Registered users may avail themselves of all the Library's services.

4.2. Persons who are not registered as users may access databases in the reading rooms, use the items in the open access collection, and visit events and training activities; they cannot use the home lending service.

4.3. Authorised workstations enable to read legal deposit copies of e-books and items with restricted access which has been determined by publishers. Authorised workstations lack network access and recording and printing facilities.

4.4. The Library's computer workstations are meant, first and foremost, for study and research. The use of computer workstations is governed by the *Rules for using computer workstations and wireless data networks (Wi-Fi)*, approved by the decree of the Director General of the Library.

## **5. LENDING OF ITEMS**

5.1. Home lending can be used by registered users.

5.2. To give the home lending right to a person under the age of 18, the parent or guardian (hereinafter Parent) must give their written consent for this. The consent is formalised once and is valid until the person turns 18 years old. The consent may be submitted by signing it digitally on the web or on site in the Library.

5.3. Users may borrow up to 30 (thirty) items at a time.

5.4. Books, serials, items of printed music and CDs published in 1946 or later and holding the status „Available“ in the online catalogue ESTER are permitted to be lent home.

- The loan period for books and serials is up to 30 days, for printed music items – up to three months. If there is no demand for the items, the loan is renewable up to three times.
- The loan period for CDs and audiovisual documents in the Austrian, German and Swiss Reading Area is 14 days, the loan cannot be renewed.

5.5. In reasoned cases and with the consent of the Keeper of Collections, legal persons may borrow the Library's items and works of art on the ground of a guarantee letter. An instrument of lending the items shall be prepared to formalise the loan.

5.6. Registered users may also request items not available in the Library and copies of articles from other libraries in Estonia and abroad via the interlibrary loan (ILL) service. The provision of ILL service is governed by the *Instructions for interlibrary loan service of the National Library of Estonia*.

## **6. COPYING**

6.1. Without the authorisation of the author and without payment of remuneration, copying of items and printed music protected by copyright is permitted only for private use and study or scientific research purposes in accordance with the provisions of the Copyright Act.

6.2. Personal devices are allowed for making copies of items and printed music. Flash photography is prohibited. In the Rare Books and Archives Reading Room, personal technical devices are not allowed for copying archival documents, the legal deposit copies of national imprint and items stored in the rare books collection.

6.3. The copying of items and printed music is governed by the *Instructions for copying items in the collections of the National Library of Estonia*.

## **7. USE OF E-PUBLICATIONS AND LICENSED DATABASES**

7.1. E-publications are accessible via the digital archive DIGAR or via the Library's search portal.

7.2. While using e-publications and licensed databases, the conditions of use for each publication or database shall be adhered to. Works protected by copyright may be accessible at the Library's computer workstations or only at authorised workstations that lack network access and copying facility.

7.3. If the e-publication is not provided with a notation about the conditions of its use, the publication is available only for private use and study or scientific research purposes in accordance with the provisions of the Copyright Act.

## **8. RESPONSIBILITY OF LIBRARY VISITORS**

8.1. The visitors of the Library are responsible for the preservation of any item, device or other property they use and for the legitimate use of works, and are obliged to compensate for the damage caused to the Library by non-compliance with the above-mentioned requirements. Damage caused by a person under the age of 18 shall be compensated for by the Parent.

8.2. Damaged or unreturned item shall be replaced with the same item or compensated for in the value as determined by the Library.

8.3. The value of a damaged or unreturned item shall be determined by the Head of the Collection Development Department (for books) or by the Head of the Arts and Humanities Centre (for printed music). The basis for determining the value shall be the market price of the item, to which the acquisition, processing or restoration costs shall be added.

8.4. Upon failure to return the borrowed item by due date, the Library shall send the user repeated reminders to return the item.

8.5. Where three months have passed from the due date and the item has not been returned, an electronic precept shall be issued to the user, requiring to return the item within one month or compensate for its value. The reminders and precept shall be issued in electronic format and delivered to the user at the email address indicated in the users database. In case the user is under the age of 18, the copy of the precept shall be sent to the Parent or Guardian.

8.6. The user may neither order and borrow new items nor renew the loans of the borrowed items until the debt is settled.

## **9. INTERNAL RULES IN THE LIBRARY BUILDING AND READING AREA**

9.1. The opening hours of the Library shall be established by the decree of the Director General of the Library.

9.2. Intoxicated visitors or visitors under the influence of psychotropic substance and/or wearing visibly dirty clothes and/or having serious problems with personal hygiene shall be not admitted to the Library's building (hereinafter Building).

9.3. Entry to the Building on roller skates, skateboard or bicycle and bringing animals (except for guide dogs for the blind), weapons, ammunition, explosives, inflammable substances, or smeary or foul-smelling objects to the Building is not allowed.

9.4. Smoking is forbidden in the Building.

9.5. Outdoor clothes may be left in the cloakroom and baggage in the locker during the opening hours of the Library. The Library assumes no responsibility for any personal belongings left unattended.

9.6. Entry in, departure from and compliance with the internal rules in the Building is supervised by the security service. In the case of suspicion, the security staff retains the right to search the personal belongings brought by the visitor upon entering, remaining within and leaving the reading area, and the visitor is obliged to allow the search.

9.7. Visitors are not allowed to breach public order and violate the norms of customary practice and good manners in the Library's premises.

## **10. RESTRICTION ON THE RIGHT TO USE THE LIBRARY**

10.1. If the Library has established that a user has repeatedly and intentionally violated the Rules for Users and/or removed or attempted to remove, without authorisation, any item, device or other property, the Library retains the right to impose an interim restriction on the right of the user to use the Library for up to six months.

10.2. The Director of Library Services shall decide on and formalise in writing the restriction on the right to use the Library and the term of the restriction, taking into account the gravity of the violation and the related circumstances.

10.3. The user retains the right to contest the decision by filing a challenge with the Director General of the Library within five days as of the day following the day of receipt of the decision.