

CAIQING 2021

Lion and dragon dance performances are allowed to resume, subject to the prevailing Safe Management Measures (SMMs), **at permitted venues only**:

- In the listed live performance venues in [National Arts Council's \(NAC\) advisory for the resumption of indoor live performances](#) (such as performing arts venues, community centres and hotel ballrooms)¹; and
- In places of worship as stated in MCCY's SMMs for Religious Organisations (ROs) in Phase Three <https://cpro.gov.sg>.

In addition to the above permitted venues, Caiqing will be allowed for the Chinese New Year (CNY) period from 11 to 26 Feb 2021 (16 days) from 10.00am to 10.30pm, at these additional **Allowable Venues** as part of a closed-door work-related event (i.e. no patrons or visitors):

1. Within premises of an office or factory;
2. Within the office premises of a hotel building;
3. Within premises of a shop in a retail or commercial building.

For avoidance of doubt, outdoor places as well as indoor atriums and common areas (e.g. the lobby of an office building or hotel, shopping mall atrium) are not considered Allowable Venues.

This is subject to the performing troupe obtaining a valid Caiqing Permit jointly issued by the People's Association (PA) and the Singapore Wushu Dragon and Lion Dance Federation (SWDLDF), and complying with the following **Safe Management Measures (SMMs)**:

1. The performing troupe must comprise **only up to eight (8) troupe members** and up to **two (2) Lions**. Dragon dance is not allowed, unless the performance falls under the NAC's advisory for resumption of indoor live performances and MCCY's SMMs for ROs.
2. The Caiqing activity is held within an allowable venue as part of a closed-door (i.e. no patrons or visitors) work-related event based on the prevailing workplace SMMs where:
 - a. The number of persons per event must be **capped at 50 or a lower number**, subject to the venue size and the safe distancing requirement in (b), to limit the risk of exposure to infection;
 - b. Attendees must maintain at least **1 metre safe distancing** between individual attendees, as per the requirement at the workplace; and
 - c. **No consumption of food or drinks** during the performance.
 - d. Attendees are to be **masked**.

¹ Venue owners/managers that have not been identified as permitted venues may apply to the respective sector lead agencies in the emails found in the NAC advisory.

3. **All troupe members must remain masked at all times, except for the members helming the Lion** while performing the lion dance as it is a form of strenuous exercise.
4. **No “processions”** or use of music instruments (such as cymbals, drums, and gongs) along the way (from one venue to another) is allowed, as these activities tend to draw in crowds.

Participating troupes shall strictly adhere to: (i) the conditions and restrictions associated with the issuance of the Caiqing Permit, and (ii) the prevailing SMMs under the respective COVID-19 Regulations. Offenders shall be prosecuted by law and disciplinary actions from SWDLDF, and be liable to penalties under the COVID-19 Regulations including fines, imprisonment or both. Any organization/instructor who fails to comply with the above-mentioned conditions and restrictions, **shall not be allowed to apply for Caiqing permit for 3 years and will be banned from participating in any activity organized by SWDLDF.** It is the responsibility of each party (i.e. the performing troupe, as well as the hirer and the venue owner/manager) to discharge their respective duties as laid out in the Roles and Responsibilities sections to ensure compliance with the SMMs for the caiqing performance, in line with their legal liabilities outlined in the MOM's Workplace SMMs.

[Note: Lion and dragon dance performances held in accordance to NAC's advisory and MCCY's SMMs for ROs will adhere to the respective stipulated SMMs instead of the SMMs under the Caiqing Permit.]

Examples of venues where Caiqing is not allowed to take place:

1. Residential areas, including HDB flats/blocks, private condominiums and landed property;
2. HDB towns, including common areas, shops and coffee shops;
3. Markets; and
4. Food courts and hawker centres.

The **Application Process** for Caiqing Permit for 2021, in view of the COVID-19 situation is as follows:

1. Lion Dance troupes submit Application (Form 1) to PA/SWDLDF for applying Caiqing permit;
2. PA/SWDLDF assess and issue Caiqing permit;
3. Each Troupe comes back to PA/SWDLDF with Form 2, stating the schedule of performance and location, with hirer's/venue owner's consent to the required SMMs (one form to be filled in for one location). So, if there are 3 performances or hirers in the same area, troupe should submit 3 separate Form 2 (different unit numbers). The last day of submitting Form 2 is at 5.00pm on Thursday, 4 February 2021.
4. PA/SWDLDF will assess each performance location and SMMs, and issue **an approval email (or Form 2) to** the troupe for their performance(s) to proceed, or reject application.

5. Each Troupe will submit a table of daily schedule (Form 3), and submit to the Singapore Police Force through PA/SWDLDF via Email Address: caiqing2021@wuzong.com 2 working days before the scheduled performance day. Submission of Form 3 in advance is most welcomed.
6. Troupe will have to bring along their Caiqing permit and the **approval email (or Form 2) for each location** issued by PA/SWDLDF (**hard copy or e-copy**) when performing. Enforcement Officers will request for these documents to ensure that the performance has been given approval to proceed.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF LION DANCE TROUPE

Roles:

- a) Apply for Caiqing permit (Form 1);
- b) Apply for Approval (Form 2) for individual Caiqing performance;
- c) Submit Caiqing schedule (Form 3) two days before performance to the Police, through PA/SWDLDF; and
- d) Assign a Person In-charge (PIC) for each Caiqing performance.

Responsibilities:

- a) Ensure that the PIC understand and perform the responsibilities of the Lion Dance Troupe;
- b) Brief Hirer on his responsibilities and Safe Management Measures (SMMs);
- c) Two days before performance - submit a Caiqing schedule (Form 3) of all performances of that day to the Police through PA/SWDLDF;
- d) On performance day / time - brief all Troupe members on SMMs. Ensure all 8 Troupe members are masked up at all time, except for the Lion dancers only when they are doing their performance;
- e) Troupe members proceed directly to Caiqing performance area provided by the Hirer;
- f) No en-route performance and drumming / music from drop-off point to performing location (and vice versa);
- g) Only perform at Caiqing performance area provided by the Hirer;
- h) Ensure that there is no interaction between the Troupe members and the audience, and that there is at least 1 metre safe distancing between individuals at all times (except the Lion dancers when they are doing their performance); and
- i) Ensure that the Troupe leave performing location immediately after Caiqing performance.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF HIRER AND VENUE OWNER/MANAGER

Roles:

- a) Endorse in the Approval (Form 2) for Caiqing performance;
- b) Assign a Person In-charge (PIC);
- c) Provide an area for Caiqing performance; and
- d) Provide Manpower to ensure adherence to SMMs.

Responsibilities:

- a) Ensure that the assigned PIC understand and perform the responsibilities of Hirer;
- b) Provide and set up an area for Caiqing performance and ensure at least 1 metre safe distancing between individuals at all times;
- c) Provide sufficient manpower to ensure SMMs are adhered to, especially event size limit, 1-metre safe distancing between individuals, no F&B consumption, proper wearing of face mask by individuals;
- d) Ensure that there is no en-route performance and drumming / music from drop-off point to performing location (and vice versa);
- e) Ensure that there is no physical contact between the Lion Dance Troupe and the audience; and
- f) Ensure that the Troupe leaves performing location immediately after Caiqing performance.

**SINGAPORE WUSHU DRAGON & LION DANCE FEDERATION / PEOPLE'S
ASSOCIATION**
2021 CHINESE NEW YEAR LION DANCE "CAIQING"
CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

1. The 2021 Chinese New Year Lion Dance "Caiqing" permit is jointly issued by Singapore Wushu Dragon & Lion Dance Federation (SWDLDF) and People's Association. Only SWDLDF affiliated members, Community Clubs/Centres and Educational Institutions are eligible to apply.
2. The permit is issued for a restricted period from 10am to 10.30pm daily between 11 February 2021 (Lunar New Year Eve) till 26 February 2021 (15th day of Lunar New Year).
3. Interested organizations are to fill in the Application form together with a fee of \$50.00 (inclusive of GST) and submit it to the Secretariat. Application closes at 2.00pm on Saturday, 23 January 2021. Incomplete application will be rejected. **Late application shall not be accepted. Payment must be submitted together with a photocopy of the valid Registry of Societies or ACRA registration and a photocopy of their Dragon/Lion Dance Coaches Certification.**
4. The permit shall be pasted on the left-front windscreen of the main vehicle.
5. The permit holder shall follow the troupe to ensure proper conduct and discipline of the troupers. All vehicles must strictly adhere to the traffic rules and regulations, keep to the left side of the road and not obstruct the free flow of traffic.
6. No offensive weapons are allowed. Troupes should not use any indecent/threatening or abusive words or behave in a manner likely to provoke fights or breach public peace.
7. All participating troupes shall visit the pre-approved places only and are not allowed to perform from house-to-house (including shop and stall).
8. Ensure that there is no littering along the routes, assembly and dispersal areas.
9. Participating troupes must have the "Caiqing" permit to perform Caiqing, **failing which they shall be punishable under Rule 12 of this set of Conditions and Restrictions and handed over to the police.**
10. Participating troupes are not allowed to transfer or loan their permit to other organizations **failing which they shall be punishable under Rule 12 of this set of Conditions and Restrictions.**
11. Illegal employment/usage of foreigners to perform Caiqing is not allowed **failing which they shall be punishable under Rule 12 of this set of Conditions and Restrictions and handed over to the Police and Immigration & Checkpoints Authority.**
12. Participating troupes shall strictly adhere to the above-mentioned conditions and restrictions. Offenders shall be prosecuted by law and disciplinary actions from SWDLDF. Any organization/instructor who fails to comply with the above-

mentioned conditions and restrictions, **shall not be allowed to apply for Caiqing permit for 3 years and will be banned from participating in any activity organized by SWDLDF.**

13. Participating troupes shall strictly adhere to the prevailing **Safe Management Measures under the respective COVID-19 Regulations**. Offenders will be liable to penalties under the COVID-19 Regulations including fines, imprisonment or both. It is the responsibility of each party (i.e. the performing troupe, as well as the hirer and the venue owner/manager to discharge their respective duties as laid out in the Roles and Responsibilities sections to ensure compliance with the SMMs for the caiqing performance, in line with their legal liabilities outlined in the MOM's Workplace SMMs.

COVID-19 Safe Management Measures

14. In view of COVID-19 pandemic, all people involved in Caiqing is to strictly observe the relevant COVID-19 SMMs, such as wearing a mask, taking body temperature, maintaining a 1-metre safe distancing, avoiding physical contact and using TraceTogether when entering / exiting a venue.
15. For any enquiry, please contact PA/SWDLDF at caiqing2021@wuzong.com.