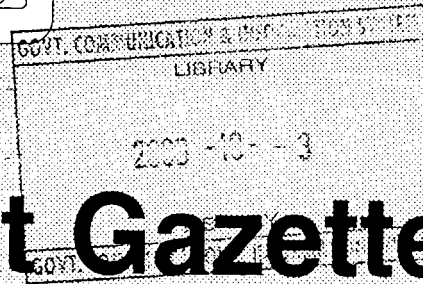


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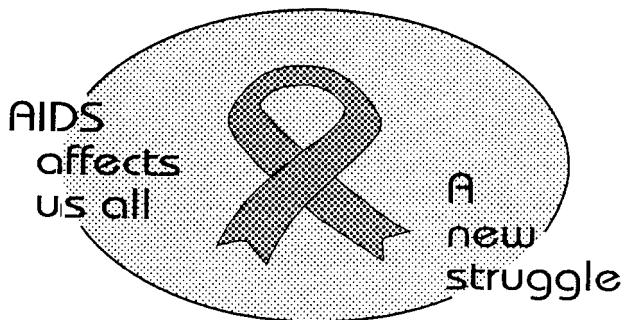
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FILMS AND PUBLICATIONS ACT, NO. 65 OF 1996
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AMENDMENTS TO DRAFT CLASSIFICATION GUIDELINES FOLLOWING PUBLIC FEEDBACK (SECTION 31(3) OF THE FILMS AND PUBLICATIONS ACT, 1996) TO MAKE THE GUIDELINES FINAL AND BINDING FOR THE YEAR SEPTEMBER 2000 TO AUGUST 2001.

"A" : suitable for all ages

Films in this category are suitable for all ages. They contain nothing **considered harmful** or disturbing to even very young children.

Theme	No themes are treated in a way that might threaten a child's sense of security or well-being.
Language	No strong language,
Drugs	There are no scenes condoning, promoting, glamorizing or encouraging the use of drugs, including alcohol and cigarettes.
Prejudice	If the film contains any prejudice or negative stereotyping, the context makes it clear that such prejudice is wrong. The issue is resolved in a way that both supports human rights values and can be understood by even young children.
Nudity	There may be brief scenes of nudity in non-sexual contexts.
Sex	There are no scenes of sexual activity beyond brief kissing.
Violence	There are no scenes of violence, irrespective of genre.

Because films classified "A" contain no classifiable elements, no consumer information is provided for them

"PG" : Parental Guidance

This is an advisory category. It alerts parents to the fact that the film contains some material that might confuse or upset some children who watch it alone, Parents are advised to monitor the contents, either by finding out more about the film or by watching it with their children.

Theme	No themes are treated in a way that might threaten a child's sense of security or well-being. A "PG" classification without consumer information indicates that children may need parental guidance on the theme, A "PG" classification with consumer information alerts parents to minimal classifiable elements.
Language	Strong language (swear-words, threats, abuse, profanity or prejudice) is infrequent and occurs only within context.
Drugs	There are no scenes condoning, promoting, glamorizing or encouraging the use of drugs, including alcohol and cigarettes.
Prejudice	If the film contains any prejudice or negative stereotyping, the context makes it clear that such prejudice is wrong. The issue is resolved in a way that both supports human rights values and can be understood by even young children.
Nudity	There may be brief scenes of nudity in non-sexual contexts

Sex	There may be brief scenes of implied sexual activity. These are few and discreet. There are no close-ups and no frontal nudity in the implied sexual scenes.
Violence	Brief scenes of minimal violence may occur. There are no prolonged or extreme images of violence (eg. a victim suffering, graphic close-ups, long shoot-outs). The film shows that violence has consequences. People who commit violence are punished or suffer remorse, The final outcome is positive. There may be mild threats, menace or suspense. Scenes of moderate violence occur only in clearly contextualised comic, historical, fantastical or natural disaster settings,

"10": Not suitable for children under the age of 10 years

This is a legally restrictive classification. No **child under the age of 10 years may be allowed to watch such a film in a cinema or rent such a video or DVD.**

Theme	Themes may be complex but outcomes reinforce positive social values. The overall message is reassuring to a child's sense of security and well-being.
Language	There may be infrequent strong language occurring within the context of the story
Drugs	Scenes of drug use may occur. They are brief and within the context of the story. No instructional detail is given and drug use is not glamorised.
Prejudice	If bias or negative stereotyping occurs, it is resolved within the context of the story. The overall message supports human rights values,
Nudity	Brief scenes of nudity may occur. These will be in context and without lingering close-ups.
Sex	There are no scenes of explicit sexual activity. Any scenes of implied sexual activity must add to the development of the plot, characterisation and theme. There will be no lingering close-ups or suggestive audio effects.
Violence	Violent scenes may occur. These do not last long and are neither graphic nor gory. They take place in the context of the story. Violence is not shown as glamorous. Its consequences are clear. Where threat, menace or suspense occurs, it will not be disturbing to children of 10 years

Consumer information is provided, depending on how often and how intensely classifiable elements occur

"13": Not suitable for children under the age of 13 years

This is a legally restrictive classification. No child under the **age of 13 years may be allowed to watch such a film in a cinema or rent such a video or DVD.**

Theme	Themes may be more adult than in films classified "10", "PG" or 'A". They may include troubling social or moral issues, but these are handled with sensitivity. Outcomes are positive and viewers aged 13 will be able to understand them.
Language	There may be strong language within context. There may be language and dialogue exploring anti-social values, occurring within context as part of the plot or characterisation, but with positive resolutions.
Drugs	There may be scenes of drug abuse. These occur within context, and negative consequences of drug-taking are explored. There is no instructive detail or glamorisation of drug-taking.
Prejudice	Some scenes showing bias or negative stereotyping may occur. These are resolved within the context of the story.
Nudity	Scenes of nudity may occur, without lingering close-ups and within the context of the story enhance the plot or character development.

Sex There may be brief scenes of implied **sexual** activity, related to the development of plot, theme or character, There is no suggestion of abuse, violence or exploitation in such scenes.

Violence **Scenes of** realistic and intense violence may occur within a meaningful context, forming part of plot or character development. Graphic or gory details (eg. close-ups) are infrequent.
There **are no scenes** glamorizing or condoning violence. **Scenes of domestic and psychological violence, including sexual threat,** may occur within the context of the theme and only if the outcome supports positive social values.

Consumer information is provided, depending on how often and how intensely classifiable elements occur.

Glossary of words and phrases

This glossary or list of definitions gives the meaning of key words as they are used in the guidelines,

<i>abusive</i>	rude, disrespectful, harmful, showing contempt
<i>bias</i>	prejudice; a slanted and unjust attitude (usually towards minority or outsider groups)
<i>classification</i>	placing in categories or groups according to the frequency and intensity of classifiable elements (strong language, nudity, prejudice, sex, and violence)
<i>close-up</i>	an image in graphic detail, as if seen from very near
<i>context</i>	surroundings or background; the whole picture ; the other parts of a film, video or game which come before and after a particular incident and clarify its meaning
<i>discreet</i>	restrained, modest, inoffensive; an image shown from a distance, without lingering on close-up detail
<i>expletive</i>	oath, swearword or curse
<i>explicit</i>	candid, leaving nothing to the imagination; focusing on close-up detail
<i>exploitative</i>	making use of someone or something for selfish or improper reasons
<i>extreme</i>	exceptionally intense, graphic or prolonged fantastical not realistic, not of this world (eg. fairy tales, science fiction)
<i>frequent</i>	often
<i>frequency</i>	how often something occurs
<i>gory</i>	bloody; detailed, graphic images of violence
<i>graphic</i>	vivid, showing all the details
<i>gratuitous</i>	lacking good reason; elements in a film, video or game which add nothing to the development of plot or character
<i>implied</i>	not shown or said directly but strongly suggested or hinted at
<i>incite</i>	arouse, stir up, inflame
<i>instructive</i>	instructing or showing how to do something
<i>intensity</i>	strength, power, force (in film, the intensity of a scene depends on how long it is, sound and lighting effects, language, context, and whether it is shot from a distance or close-up)
<i>legally restrictive</i>	limiting by law

<i>mainstream</i>	produced for the general public and available in ordinary cinemas and stores
<i>menacing</i>	threatening; suggesting harm and arousing fear
<i>mild</i>	moderate, slight, understated
<i>negative</i>	insulting, hostile
<i>nudity</i>	nakedness
<i>prejudice</i>	pre-judgement ; bias; negative or hostile attitude (usually towards minority or outsider groups) based not on facts or individual experience but on group stereotypes
<i>positive</i>	outcome a result or conclusion that supports human rights values; an overall message in accord with the view that it is important to strive to be a decent human being
<i>profanity</i>	blasphemy; language showing lack of respect in regard to religious or sacred matters
<i>protagonist</i>	the main character in a film or game; the hero or heroine
<i>sexual activity</i>	kissing, caressing, embracing, love-making; physical intimacy between two people (in mainstream films, even in the "18" category, images of sexual activity are never as explicit as in adults-only "X18" material, eg. there is no focus on the genitals)
<i>stereotype</i>	a fixed idea which reduces individuals to a standard, usually prejudiced group mould .
strong language	abusive, profane or swearword
swearword	expletive, oath, curse, foul language.
theme	subject matter; what a film is about
