

## Test of Reasonableness Board (TORB)

*As per the Equal Opportunities (Persons with Disability) Act I of 2000 Cap. 413 of the Laws of Malta*

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PA/01667/19 – St. Julians – Application for temporary period (18 months) change of use from garage to HSBC local branch extended to office (Class 4A) approved in PA 2053/16, installation of 2 signs and to sanction internal alterations.

On Friday 31st May 2019 the Test of Reasonableness Board (TORB) discussed a request for exemption received on the above indicated permit. Perit George Pullicino, Mr. Ivan Borg, Mr. Massimo Borg and Mr. Nathan Caruana were present on behalf of the applicant.

Exemption was requested on the temporary HSBC office until the bank re-develops its original premises.

CRPD objected on the following non-conforming elements:

- Main entrance contain steps and it is not accessible to all as per AADG2011
- Secondary entrance access route (for accessibility) is not acceptable since it is a carriageway access route
- Main entrance door should be marked on proposed plan
- No accessible for all sanitary have been provided as per AADG 2011. The accessible for all sanitary should be labelled and marked with the international symbol logo of access. Moreover sanitary door should be marked and opened outwards (see AADG2011 PG55)
- Reception desk (if any) should have part of a working surface height of 760mm to accommodate wheelchair user (see AADG 2011 PG24)

Taking all arguments in consideration, the TORB concluded that it is **REASONABLE** to in view that office will only be used for a temporary period of 18 months and an alternate accessible entrance has been provided.



Rita Vella  
Chairperson  
Test of Reasonableness Board