

## 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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13th September 2019

Ref: AugTORB\_05

Mr. Michael Sant  
Foundation for Tomorrow's Schools  
Triq Sir Adrian Dingli  
Pembroke

PA/00193/18 – Valletta – Minor internal alterations, extension of 2 rooms at 3rd floor, and restoration of external and internal facades.

On Thursday 5th September 2019 the Test of Reasonableness Board (TORB) discussed a request for exemption received on the above indicated case. Dr. Claude Busuttill was present on behalf of the applicant.

Exemption was requested on the passenger lift from Ground Floor Level to Basement Level as approved in PA/00193/18 since although it was previously thought that lift shaft could be widened to 1.5m x 1.5m throughout all floors, it transpired that at Basement Level the lift shaft tapers to 1.2m x 1.2m.

During the previous TORB in July 2019, applicants were advised to explore further possibilities including the installation of a passenger lift from Ground Floor to Basement Level at a different location.

Dr. Busuttill advised that a study was undertaken since the last TORB whereby it transpired that it is not permitted to puncture the ceilings at basement level due to their historic and architectural value and therefore it would not be possible to install a lift at another location. A stair inclined platform lift was instead proposed to the Board which would provide access for all from Ground Floor Level to Basement Level.

Taking all arguments in consideration, the TORB concluded that it is **REASONABLE** to exempt the passenger lift from going down to Basement Level on condition that a stair inclined platform lift conforming to AADG 2011 is installed instead.



Rita Vella  
Chairperson  
Test of Reasonableness Board