

## 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

Our Ref: AugTORB\_07

Dr. Ian Spiteri Bailey  
158  
Merchant Street  
Valletta

No Planning Application submitted – 158, Merchant Street, Valletta – Proposed alterations to existing offices.

On Thursday 5th September 2019 the Test of Reasonableness Board (TORB) discussed a request for exemption received on the above indicated permit. Perit Edgar Caruana Montalto, Perit Steven Vella and Dr. Ian Spiteri Bailey were present on behalf of the applicant.

Exemption was requested from the provision of permanent means of access for all at the entrance of the offices since a permanent ramp or platform lifts would not be feasible due to underlying rooms at basement level as they would require the demolition of the existing slab.

Applicants proposed the provision of a removable ready-made ramp with landing, of which specifications were provided to TORB, to be placed upon request for persons with mobility impairment.

In regards to the inside of the premises, applicants confirmed that full accessibility according to AADG 2011 will be incorporated.

Taking all arguments in consideration and in view of the pavement restrictions, the TORB concluded that it is **REASONABLE** to exempt on the installation of a permanent means of accessibility at the entrance of the offices on condition that the removable ready-made ramp with landing together with signage and buzzer/ intercom as presented to the board are implemented.



Rita Vella  
Chairperson  
Test of Reasonableness Board