

## 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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6th November 2019

Our Ref: OctTORB\_07

Mr. Anthony Mamo obo CVA Technology Co Ltd.  
83, CVA Buildings  
Triq Xatt l-Għassara tal-Għeneb  
Marsa MRS 1912

AC072/19 – Marsa – Case followed by the Investigations Unit following complaints received under the Equal Opportunities Act regarding the lack of accessibility at the offices of the CVA Technology Co Ltd.

On Wednesday 30th October 2019 the Test of Reasonableness Board (TORB) discussed a request for exemption received on the above indicated premises. Dr. Tano Zammit and Mr. Brian Gatt were present on behalf of the applicant.

Exemption requested due to space and historical limitations of the site including but not limited to:

- No space to install lift or any form of platform lift due to minimal space at ground level (staircase immediately upon entrance) and the width of the staircase;
- Dislevels and areas accessible only by steps throughout building;
- Separate offices pertaining to different tenants at basement level;
- Historical limitations of the seventeenth century warehouse (also within the Marsa UCA).

Applicants also advised that clients may pay CVA fees through bank transfers, online, through cheques by post or at the newly accessible for all Valletta Local Council as they also have a permanent desk there.

Taking all arguments in consideration, the TORB concluded that it is **REASONABLE** to exempt the building from accessibility requirements in view of the alternate measures provided for persons with disability who cannot access the building. Should however applicants obtain a bigger area, decision should be reconsidered.



Rita Vella  
Chairperson  
Test of Reasonableness Board