

Test of Reasonableness Board (TORB)

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

28th November 2019

Our Ref: NovTORB_07

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PA/03076/19 – Gzira – To sanction extension in backyard, create an entrance ramp and replace entrance door to shop.

On Friday 22nd November 2019 the Test of Reasonableness Board (TORB) discussed a request for exemption received on the above indicated premises. Applicants were not asked to be present since case had already been discussed with them during previous boards.

Exemptions were requested on the main entrance ramp from conforming to AADG 2011. Case was discussed with applicants on the TORB in July 2019 however applicants had been asked to amend drawings due to misinformation on plans. Applicants applied for re-consideration in September 2019 whereby the TORB had advised that in order to make a decision the members would need:


- A proposal with the layout of internal furniture with ramp as being proposed holding a gradient of 1:10 and;
- A proposal with the layout of internal furniture with ramp as required by AADG 2011 holding a gradient of 1:12.

Requested proposals were provided to the TORB and applicant advised that *the tenant already has to eliminate two seats with a 1:10 proposal. Another will have to be eliminated if a 1:12 is considered.*

The tenant is already find hard to accept the first option (1:10), however we shall relocate at least one seat on the other side. Thus the latter is practically an impossible option for the tenant.

Taking all arguments in consideration, the TORB concluded that it is **NOT REASONABLE** to exempt the main entrance from being accessible.

As stated previously however the backyard is exempted from being accessible for all as long as it is not open for the public.



Rita Vella
Chairperson
Test of Reasonableness Board