

Test of Reasonableness Board (TORB)

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

1st October 2020

Our Ref: 20200928_TORB01

Dr. Jean Karl Soler
Josephine
St. Catherine Street
Attard

EOCU Ref: AC172/19 – The Family Practice Dental Clinic, Attard.

On Monday 28th September 2020, the Test of Reasonableness Board (TORB) discussed a request for exemption received on the above indicated clinic. Dr. Jean Karl Soler joined the board in order to present his case on the matter.

Case was followed by the Investigations Unit following information received by the OPM, in view of inspections done on several clinics and sites, that the clinic is not accessible for all since its entrance consists of a flight of steps and no lift is provided.

CRPD commissioned one of its technical officers to carry out an onsite inspection whom in turn suggested to the applicant to apply for the TORB for exemption.

Photo report done by CRPD technical officer was presented to board. Dr. Soler requested an exemption in view of the site's restricted space that prevents the installation of a platform lift or any lift acceptable by CRPD. A chairlift was instead installed to improve access for all within the premises.

Taking all arguments in consideration including the site restrictions and in view that the dental clinic has been operating in the above mentioned location for the past 20 years, the TORB concluded it is **REASONABLE** to exempt.



Ms. Rita Vella
Chairperson
Test of Reasonableness Board