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CIRCULAR TO PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTES

Dear Sirs/Madam

PROVISION OF NORMAL AND ACCESSIBLE PARKING LOTS

Objective

This circular highlights the provision of accessible parking lots in a development while complying with LTA's minimum parking requirements.

Who should know

Building owners, developers, architects, engineers and builders

Background

1. In any development, a minimum number of parking lots is required to be provided to ensure self-sufficiency in parking spaces is met for each development. This parking requirement is regulated by LTA.
2. On the other hand, the provision of accessible parking lots is regulated by BCA and such parking lots are reserved only for vehicles driven by persons with disabilities. Vehicles driven by able-bodied drivers cannot park on these accessible parking lots.
3. We have observed an increasing occurrence of architects and developers who include accessible parking lots as part of the computation of the LTA's minimum parking requirements. This should not be the case. The provision of accessible parking lots shall be over and above the LTA's minimum parking requirements. The requirement for the number of accessible parking lots shall be computed and provided for in accordance with the BCA's Code on Accessibility in the Built Environment (Accessibility Code).

Clarification on the provision of accessible parking lot in a small development

4. However, for **small developments where the minimum requirement for car parking lot is 10 or less**, no additional accessible parking lot is required provided one of the lots is designed and constructed in accordance with the specification in the Accessibility Code but without displaying the Symbol of

Access. This particular lot can serve as the accessible parking lot in future should the need arises.


Effective date

5. Except in paragraph 4, all new submissions made to BCA and LTA shall compute normal parking lots and accessible parking lots separately with immediate effect. Consideration shall be given to development proposals that have been submitted to BCA/LTA prior to this announcement. However, we encourage the industry to revise the drawings if the affected portion of work has not been constructed on site yet.
6. We would appreciate it if you could convey the contents of this circular to all members of your organisation. If you have any queries, feel free to contact the following:
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Yours faithfully



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