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CIRCULAR TO PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTES

Who Should Know

Qualified Persons, religious organisations, building owners and childcare centre operators

Effective Date

With immediate effect

INCREASE IN ALLOWABLE GROSS FLOOR AREA QUANTUM CAP FOR CHILDCARE CENTRE USE IN PLACE OF WORSHIP DEVELOPMENTS

1. With immediate effect, URA will increase the Gross Floor Area (GFA) quantum cap for childcare centre use¹ in Place of Worship (PW) developments from 300 sqm to 500 sqm provided the proposed increase is supported by the Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA).

Childcare centre use in PW developments

2. Childcare centre use up to 300 sqm is hitherto allowed as a supporting activity (i.e. an ancillary non-religious use) in PW developments, so long as the total ancillary non-religious uses (e.g. storeroom, meeting room) does not exceed 10% of the total GFA of the PW development. Going forward, the allowable quantum will be raised to 500 sqm, subject to the same 10% cap, and endorsement by the ECDA.
3. Operators who wish to set up childcare centres in PW developments are required to submit a planning application to URA for evaluation² and approval. Applicants must include a proposal plan showing the location and size of the childcare centre, GFA for the praying area and ancillary areas.
4. For proposed childcare centre larger than 300 sqm, applicants are required to approach ECDA first using the attached Form in [Appendix A](#) and get ECDA's prior clearance³, and submit it together with the application for planning approval to URA.

¹ This circular is not applicable to Kindergarten and Student Care Centre.

² URA will assess the application with the relevant agencies such as LTA; taking into account the detailed proposal and local site context.

³ ECDA's clearance is a separate consideration and it does not mean that planning approval will follow.

5. I would appreciate it if you could convey the contents of this circular to the relevant members of your organisation. If you or your members have any queries concerning this circular, please call our Development Control Group (DCG) Enquiry Line at Tel: 6223 4811 or e-mail us at ura_dcd@ura.gov.sg. For your information, our past circulars and guidelines are available from our website at <http://www.ura.gov.sg>.

Thank you.

HAN YONG HOE
GROUP DIRECTOR (DEVELOPMENT CONTROL)
for CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

APPENDIX A

Date : _____

To : Chief Executive Officer
Early Childhood Development Agency
51 Cuppage Road #08-01
Singapore 229469

From : **XXXXXXXXXX (please list name)**
_____ **(Please list address)**

REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR CHILDCARE CENTRE AT XXXXXXXX (STATE ADDRESS), SINGAPORE (XXXXXX)

_____ (Name of organisation) intends to operate a childcare centre at _____ (please list the address of the place of worship).

The proposed area of the child care centre is _____ sqm (list the proposed Gross Floor Area). Please refer to the attached floor plan endorsed by a QP of the premises indicating the proposed location of the child care centre.

We would like to seek the Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA)'s support for the childcare centre.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Name

NRIC no. :