

MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & OUTER ISLANDS

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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Building and Land Use Permit - Dormitories**

As per guidelines for work permit issued by the Ministry of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment, an applicant for a Lodging and Accommodation Permit should ensure that the building has a Building and Land Use Permit, in the first instance.

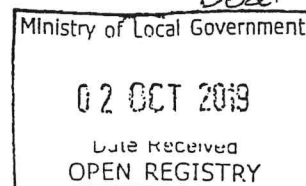
2. A residential building may be described as a house to accommodate a family (normally low density) whereas a dormitory is a building used to house large number of persons (usually foreign workers).

3. It is understood that the conversion of a residential building into a dormitory will cause an intensification in the use of the building and its amenities in view of the large number of residents, impacting on garbage disposal, wastewater disposal system, associated nuisances and parking arrangements. Accordingly, conversion of an existing building into a dormitory may be considered as the making of a material change in the use of a building (in line with definition of "development works" in the Local Government Act). This will warrant a fresh application for BLUP for dormitory after the obtention of a Lodging and Accommodation Permit.

Yours faithfully,

  
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for Permanent Secretary

**Chief Executive**  
**All Local Authorities**



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