

Dear Dormitory Operators,

New Licence Condition (LC) under Foreign Employee Dormitories Act (FEDA)

From 1 October 2024, MOM will require all dormitory operators to obtain MOM's approval for any events that are religious, race-related or based on political cause. * Dormitory operators must submit the application for MOM's approval at least 30 days before the event. The organisers must ensure that the necessary approvals (e.g., Miscellaneous Work Pass/ Police Permit) are obtained, before submitting their application to MOM. The new LC will take effect on 1 October 2024, under FEDA Section 12(5).

2. This LC will apply to all classes of FEDA dormitories, under Section 3: Incident and Dispute Management:

LC 3.7. Except where the Commissioner permits in writing, the licensee must submit an application at least 30 days prior to the commencement of any event (including the organising or conducting of any seminar, conference, workshop or gathering) that will be held within the dormitory premises that relate directly or indirectly to any of the following areas:

- Any religious belief, or to religion generally;
- Any race or community generally; or
- Cause-related or directed towards a political end.

The event can only take place when the licensee obtains the approval of the Commissioner.

LC 3.7.1. Before submitting an application to obtain the Commissioner's approval for the commencement of the event in LC 3.7, the licensee must ensure that:

- a permit for public assembly or public procession under the Public Order Act 2009 has been obtained unless specifically exempted by that Act; and
- any person directly involved in (a) organising or conducting such events, or (b) giving talks at such events, has:
 - o if he is a foreigner, a Miscellaneous Work Pass from the Ministry of Manpower, unless he already holds a valid work pass; and
 - o approval from the relevant authorities.

** Congregational prayer sessions in dormitories led by the MUIS-approved Dormitory Imams are exempted from this requirement.*

3. The new LC is in addition to the other applicable approvals required for events taking place within the dormitory premises:

Current Requirements	Additional Requirements (from 1 October 2024)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foreigners who are involved in activities that are religious, cause-based or political in nature <u>must obtain a Miscellaneous Work Pass (MWP) from MOM</u>. Refer to the following link for more information on the MWP. • Depending on the nature of the event, a Police permit may be required under the Public Order Act 2009. Refer to this link for more information on the Police permit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The organisers must ensure that the necessary approvals (e.g., MWP / Police permit) are obtained, before submitting their application to MOM. No change to the current requirements. • In addition, the dormitory operators must obtain MOM's approval for any events that are religious, cause-based, or political in nature, to be held within the dormitory premises. Dormitory operators must submit the application for MOM's approval <u>at least 30 days before the event</u>.

Application details

4. Dormitory operators who wish to organise any religious, race-related, political based events must submit the application using this [link](#) or scan the QR code below.



5. The application to MOM will need to include details such as:

- Details of speaker, including approved MWP (for foreign speaker)
- Police permit (where applicable)
- Estimated number of attendees
- Synopsis of the talk/event
- Date, time and duration

6. MOM considers a breach of this new LC a serious offence. Offenders will be liable to a fine not exceeding \$50,000, or imprisonment of up to 12 months, or both. Should

you have any queries, please refer to the list of FAQs [here](#) or write in to mom_ace@mom.gov.sg.

Yours faithfully,

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