

Criteria for Exemption from Water Efficiency Requirements for Water-closet Fitments

For Form WWO 1149 submitted after expiry of the grace period, i.e. 1 December 2020, an applicant may apply for exemption from the requirements within the scope of designated part of premises under the following scenarios:

Scenario (A)

All premises with tenders/quotations concerning the installation of water-closet fitments therein invited before 1 December 2019 may be eligible for exemption from the mandatory use of water-closet fitments complying with the prescribed water efficiency grades registered under WELS.

To apply for exemption, in the submission of Form WWO 1149, the applicant shall:

- (a) submit documentary proof of such tender/quotation or the existence of such tender/quotation; and
- (b) demonstrate that the specifications stipulated under the said tender/quotation for the use of those water closets could not fulfill the prescribed water efficiency requirements to the WA for verification and approval.

Scenario (B)

For all premises, applications for exemption based on technical issues will also be considered on a case-by-case basis. To apply for exemption, the applicant shall provide information to fully justify why the mandatory use of water-closet fitments complying with the prescribed water efficiency grades registered under WELS cannot be complied with in the submission of Form WWO 1149.

Scenario (C)

For all premises, applications for relaxation of requirements based on reasons other than those under scenarios (A) and (B) will also be considered on a case-by-case basis. The relaxation may be in the form of relaxing the flush volume requirements of water-closet fitments or exempting certain designated part of premises from the mandatory requirements. To apply for the relaxation, the applicant shall provide detailed information in the submission of Form WWO 1149 to fully justify why the mandatory use of water-closet fitments complying with the prescribed water efficiency grades registered under WELS cannot be fully complied with.