

Priority

On application, the grant of priority status for processing submissions for **new buildings** will be considered for the following types of project :-

- (a) (i) Urgently required public utility and institutional buildings.
- (ii) Private sector participation schemes and other forms of Government/Urban and Regional Council Joint Venture Projects and Housing Society Projects.
- (b) Projects particularly recommended by the Industrial Lands Sub-Committee as requiring priority treatment.

2. Cases falling within criterion (a)(i) are likely to be schools, electricity sub-stations and other buildings of a similar nature where it can be shown that they are urgently required and it would be in the public interest for priority to be granted. Cases falling within criterion (b) will be those industrial buildings which are likely to significantly contribute to the industrial and economic growth of Hong Kong and will include buildings providing accommodation for special industries. It is not expected that speculative flatted factories will meet this criterion. Applications for priority for industrial buildings will need to be supported by the Industrial Lands Sub-Committee but such support will be sought by the Buildings Ordinance Office if the application merits this action. It is possible that other projects not covered by the above criteria may also merit priority for special reasons but this will only be granted in exceptional circumstances and after consultation with the Government departments concerned.

3. Applications for priority status should accompany the first submission of plans to the Buildings Ordinance Office. Projects only involving the alteration and addition of **existing buildings** will **not** be granted priority.

4. Priority projects will be kept under constant review to ensure that the need for priority treatment is still warranted. Where a priority project does not proceed expeditiously, its priority status may be withdrawn.

5. The grant of priority only applies to matters involving the Buildings Ordinance Office and will have no bearing on land transactions.



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