

Part I – Notes

To restore the deterrent effect against unauthorized building works and irregularities in new building works, new or revised penalties of offences under the Buildings Ordinance are as follows:

Section	Description of offence	Maximum penalty upon convictions
40(1AA)	Any person who constructs UBW without obtaining Building Authority’s prior approval and consent	A fine of \$400,000 and to imprisonment for 2 years; and a daily fine of \$20,000
40(1BA)	Any person who, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with a statutory removal order served on him	A fine of \$200,000 and to imprisonment for 1 year; and a daily fine of \$20,000
40(4B)	Any person who, without reasonable excuse, obstructed the Owners’ Corporation (OC) in the execution of works to comply with Buildings Department’s orders served on the OC	A fine of \$10,000 and to imprisonment for 6 months

Part II – Q&As

1.	How would you inform building owners of the increase in fines and penalties?
	A publicity pamphlet has been posted to all private building owners to promulgate building maintenance matters and the increase in fines and penalties . Cover letters to relevant statutory Orders will also alert owners of such increased fines and penalties.