

Part I – Notes

A definition for signboard is added to clarify that "signboard means a hoarding, framework, scaffolding or other structure erected solely for the purpose of displaying any advertisement, making any announcement or notification, or displaying any visual image or other information".

In respect of unauthorized signboards, Buildings Ordinance s24 orders will be served on "(i) the person for whom the signboard has been erected or is being erected; or (ii) if that person cannot be found, the person who would receive any rent or other money consideration if the signboard were hired out or the person who is receiving such rent or money consideration; or (iii) if the persons referred to in the aforesaid items (i) and (ii) cannot be found, the owner of the land or premises on which the signboard has been erected or is being erected."

Part II – Q&As

1.	The signboard erected at the external wall of my building does not belong to me. Why does the Building Authority serve a removal order on me?
	It is quite often that the owner of a signboard may not be one of the owners of the building. However, if the external wall is a common area, all the co-owners of the building have the responsibility to ensure that no Unauthorised Building Works have been erected on it. Regarding unauthorized signboards, staff of Buildings Department will investigate and serve removal order in the following order of priority according to the Buildings Ordinance: (i) the person for whom the signboard has been erected; or (ii) if that person cannot be found, the person who receives rent for the signboard; or (iii) if all of these persons cannot be found, the owner of the land or premises on which the signboard has been erected. This priority has already taken into consideration the responsibilities of all of the relevant persons.