

Part B

Means of Escape

This Part contains four Sections:

- **Section 1 – General**
- **Section 2 – Provisions of Means of Escape**
- **Section 3 – Special Provisions on Means of Escape for Use Classification 5a**
- **Section 4 – Provisions of Means of Escape for Persons with a Disability**

Section 1 – General

Subsection B1 – Use of this Part

Clause B1.1

This Part provides the Deemed-to-Comply provisions for means of escape and should be read in conjunction with all other Parts in this Code.

Clause B1.2

Authorized persons, fire safety consultants and any person responsible for the design of buildings may find this Part useful in ascertaining the requirements under the Buildings Ordinance for provisions of means of escape in case of fire.

Clause B1.3

This Part provides guidance on how the Performance Requirements on the provisions of means of escape may be complied with.

Subsection B2 – Performance Requirements for Means of Escape

Clause B2.1

Performance Requirements on the provisions of means of escape are stipulated in Subsection A8 of Part A.

Subsection B3 – Application

Clause B3.1

The provisions in this Part apply to all buildings with the exception of domestic buildings:

- (a) having not more than three main domestic storeys;
- (b) the level of the highest floor of which is not more than 13m above the ground level;
and
- (c) used or intended to be used for occupation by a single family.

Clause B3.2

Where any Ordinance or any Regulations made under any Ordinance includes any provisions relating to means of escape in case of fire, nothing in this Part should be deemed to overrule such provisions. In this connection, attention is drawn to the following Ordinances and the Regulations:

- (a) Bedspace Apartments Ordinance (Cap. 447);
- (b) Child Care Services Ordinance (Cap. 243);
- (c) Education Ordinance (Cap.279);
- (d) Factories and Industrial Undertakings Ordinance (Cap. 59);
- (e) Fire Services Ordinance (Cap. 95);
- (f) Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance (Cap. 349);
- (g) Karaoke Establishments Ordinance (Cap. 573);
- (h) Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance (Cap. 459).

Clause B3.3

For situations not covered in this Part, the means of escape requirements will be determined by the Building Authority according to the circumstances of individual cases.