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101.09 Exemptions: Heritage Buildings

Heritage Buildings identified by Dubai Municipality that may not be possible to meet some of the requirements of the Green Buildings Regulations are exempted from these articles in order to preserve the character of these buildings. For such projects, it will be possible to apply to Dubai Municipality for dispensation from specific articles of these regulations, if it can be demonstrated that compliance cannot be achieved. Dubai Municipality reserves the right to request any other reasonable measures to be taken in pursuit of the goals of the regulations.

101.10 Additions, Extensions, or Refurbishment Details

- a) Relative to 101.6, new additions, extensions or refurbishments which require a building permit must meet the requirements of the regulations.
- b) Existing portions of the building which are not part of the new work will not be required to be upgraded to meet the regulations. Existing parts of a building will require upgrading if after the addition, extension or refurbishment, the existing building performs in a less energy efficient manner than previously because of the addition or extension. Any upgrading required must bring the building back to at least its minimum level of previous energy performance before the addition or extension.

101.11 Effective Dates

These Regulations will be issued by an Administrative Resolution which will determine the effective date for implementation.

101.12 Practice Guides

- a) The regulations are supported by a practice guide titled "Green Building Practice Guide."
- b) The practice guide has been developed to provide some understanding of the reason for the regulations, their benefit and some guidance towards compliance.
- c) The practice guide is not intended to provide detailed design information or to be a substitute for the experience and expertise of building designers and contractors.