



Notification Regarding the Applicability of Fire Safety Compliance Certificates in Delhi

In accordance to the queries received from health care organizations regarding applicability of Fire safety compliance certificate, the National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (NABH) would like to inform all applicant/accredited healthcare establishments in Delhi regarding the updated guidelines on fire safety compliance.

The clarifications provide important insights into the applicability of Fire Safety Compliance (FSC) Certificates, including Fire No Objection Certificates (NOC), for various healthcare and business establishments. These guidelines are based on Part IV of the National Building Code (NBC) 2016 guidelines, ensuring that fire safety protocols align with regulatory standards.

1. Day Care Establishments (e.g., Eye Centres, Dental Clinics, OPDs, Diagnostic Labs, Dialysis Centres):

If these establishments do not provide sleeping or overnight facilities for patients, they fall under the category of Business Occupancy. These businesses are permitted to operate in the buildings having single basement (below 200 SQM) and ground plus 03 stories, height below 15 m. However, use of the basement shall be subject to the approval from local building authority i.e MCD, NDMC.

2. Business Buildings Below 15 Meters in Height:

Business buildings that are less than 15 meters height or ground plus 3 stories are exempt from requiring a Fire NOC/FSC.

3. Business Buildings Above 15 Meters in Height:

Business buildings exceeding 15 meters in height are required to obtain a Fire NOC/FSC.

4. Nursing Homes/Hospitals Below 9 Meters in Height or Ground Plus One Floor (including Mezzanine):

Nursing homes or hospitals with a height of 9 meters or less, or those operating in the buildings having single basement (below 200 SQM) and ground plus 01 Stories, are not required to obtain a Fire Safety Certificate. (Basement area should be less than 200 sqm).

5. Nursing Homes/Hospitals Between 9 to 15 Meters in Height:

Nursing homes or hospitals with a height between 9 and 15 meters, or buildings that include a basement and ground plus 03 upper floors, where the hospital operates in the basement, ground floor, and first floor, while the second & third floors are either used for residence of doctors, or not utilized for hospital operations, or are sealed off, are not required to obtain a Fire NOC/FSC.

6. Basements in Nursing Homes/Hospitals:

Basements in nursing homes or hospitals cannot be used to house inpatient facilities or operate as operating theatres/ cath lab. Buildings having double basements need to obtain fire safety certificate as per clause 7.4.12 of UBBL 2016. For basement of size more than 200 SQM, fire safety measures as per NBC Part IV shall be provided.



7. Home Care and Palliative Care Centres:

All home care and palliative care centres are also to be treated as Institutional buildings same as nursing homes as explained above.

8. Third-Party Fire Safety Audit Reports:

Reference NABH Fire Safety guidelines published on the website of NABH. Fire safety audits conducted by third parties should comply with the guidelines specified in the National Building Code (NBC)-Part IV 2016.

9. Documents to be Submitted by Healthcare Organizations When Fire NOC is Not Applicable:

a. Third-Party Fire Safety Audit Reports:

Healthcare organizations must submit fire safety audit reports conducted by third-party agencies. These audits should comply with the standards outlined in the National Building Code (NBC)-Part IV 2016.

b. Geo-Tagged time stamped Photographs for Third-Party Auditors:

Third-party auditors are required to include geo-tagged time stamped photographs of the healthcare facility along with their audit report to verify the location and condition of the premises.

c. Affidavit on Building Height and Fire Safety Compliance:

An affidavit must be provided, declaring the building's height and confirming that the facility consistently adheres to fire safety norms as mandated by relevant regulations.

d. Day Care Establishments (e.g., Eye Centres, Dental Clinics, OPDs, Diagnostic Labs, Dialysis Centres) – Basement Use Approval from Local Building Authorities (e.g., MCD, NDMC):

Day Care Establishments (e.g., Eye Centres, Dental Clinics, OPDs, Diagnostic Labs, Dialysis Centres) must submit approval for the use of the basement from the relevant local building authorities, i.e MCD or NDMC, as outlined in point 1.

10. Verification of Fire NOCs: The authenticity of Fire NOCs issued by the Fire Department can be verified on the Fire Authority's official website

NABH urges all healthcare facilities to ensure compliance with these updated fire safety guidelines to enhance safety and meet accreditation requirements.

We emphasize the importance of prioritizing fire safety to safeguard the well-being of patients, staff, and visitors in healthcare facilities. NABH remains committed to supporting healthcare providers in upholding the highest standards of safety and compliance.

Thanking you,

Sincerely yours,

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