

Hi Stefan,

Please see our replies to the queries raised by DASL members. We have discussed this with ACE, hope that the replies can give greater clarity to everyone.

If dorm operators have any other scenarios they wish to clarify, could we trouble them to get in touch with their respective FAST teams, to share the specific scenarios? Alternatively, we seek DASL's assistance to help consolidate these scenarios. We hope though, that the replies to these questions should make it clear to dorm operators on the type of events we are concerned about, which approvals are needed.

| S/N | Queries  | Response  |
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| 1   | <p>Are operators supposed to send in applications for all types of events they organise? (Please see attached image extracted from the FAQ)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> <p><b>Q1 What type of events in dormitories require an application?</b></p> <p>An application must be submitted for any event held within dormitory premises that directly or indirectly relates to the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Religious belief, or religion in general*</li> <li>• Race or community matters</li> <li>• Cause-related activities or those directed towards a political end.</li> </ul> <p>This requirement applies to all types of events, including but not limited to seminars, conferences, workshops and gatherings.</p> <p><small>* Congregational prayer sessions in dormitories led by the MUIS-approved Dormitory Imams are exempted from this requirement.</small></p> </div> | <p>No, operators are not required to submit applications for all types of events. Operators are only required to do so if the events are related to a religious / race / political cause. For instance, if a speaker has been invited to talk about any religious beliefs or preach to the residents, then an application is required. Even if the event is not organised by the operator, they should still send in an application as long as the event is held within the dorm premises.</p> <p>However, if the event is to celebrate the various festivals (without any talks about religion, race or politics), which operators have often organised in their dormitories, there is no need to submit an application.</p> |
| 2   | <p>If operator has submitted an application but there is no response made from MOM side, should the event planned be held? If no, wont operator breach FEDA for not hosting event. If yes, will operator breach the new FEDA LCs for not being approved permission to host the event? This essentially puts operator in a hard place. There is also a need to bear in mind event that require SPF approval will also need application that usually takes 2 weeks or more... If we go by the timeline there is repercussion on event planning and cost as deposit need to be given to event organiser to book out artists in advance</p>  | <p>If MOM has not approved the application, the event should not proceed. This would be considered a breach of LC 3.7., which states that "The event can only take place when the licensee obtains the approval of the Commissioner."</p> <p>If the operators have already obtained the necessary approvals (e.g., Miscellaneous Work Passes, police permits) beforehand when submitting the application to MOM, this will help facilitate a timely approval process.</p>   |
| 3   | <p>On the matter of 'Race / community matter' when organising event, how do we define when we need to submit application when planning for event. As this point is very broad and essentially covers everything. Labour day = worker community. Christmas = Christian community. New Year Day = Whole Singapore Community. It's how literal and we don't want to end up being penalise for not conforming</p>  | <p>Celebratory events that do not involve any speaker(s) touching on race, religion or political topics do not require an approval from MOM.</p> <p>If dorm operators are still unsure if they should apply for approvals, they can raise their specific examples to their FAST teams to check further.</p>   |
| 4   | <p>Will ministerial visits require operators to submit an application as it could fall under 'Cause-related activities or those directed towards a political end.'</p>   | <p>We will not require the dorm operator to submit an application for any ministerial visits. Dorm operators can notify their FAST teams if they receive any requests from other agencies for any ministerial visits.</p>   |

Thank you!  
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