

Felling or Transplanting of Trees

It is the government policy to ensure that no trees are felled or damaged unnecessarily. Developers should be encouraged to save trees whenever possible. Precautionary measures such as erection of a protective fence should be implemented to safeguard all preserved trees from damage during construction.

2. For trees on private land subject to lease control or on government land, they should not be felled, transplanted and/or replaced without prior consent from the Government. When seeking consent from the Government, good cause must be shown. Application should be made to the appropriate District Lands Officer (DLO). In this regard, the applicant should follow the requirements as stated in the Land Administration Office Practice Note for Authorized Persons, Surveyors and Registered Structural Engineers No. 8/2002 "Application for Tree Felling or Transplanting for Private Projects" available in the website of the Lands Department and submit his application to the appropriate DLO. For trees owned by private individuals, prior consent from the owners should also be obtained.

3. Please note that unauthorized felling of trees may attract a prosecution under section 60 of the Crimes Ordinance (Cap. 200) or section 21 of the Forests and Countryside Ordinance (Cap. 96).



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