



Reform on Dealing with Construction Permits

The Government of the Republic of Tajikistan is implementing significant and effective reforms, in particular on dealing with construction permits to improve the country's indicators in the Doing Business report of the World Bank, which assesses state regulation of business activities in the world.

Measures:

1. The procedure for passing the state expertise of the project has been canceled

According to sub-item b, item 1 of the Order of the Committee for Architecture and Construction under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan dated 30 July 2018 no state expertise is required for design documentation of warehouse with a size of no more than 1350 m². In this regard, the total time required to obtain construction permits is reduced by 20 days. According to part 40, section 6 of the Procedure for conducting administrative procedures related to the implementation of town planning activities dated 2 April 2015 the terms of state expert review of infrastructures with an area of more than 1000 square meters should not exceed 20 working days.

As a result of eliminating the necessity of the state expertise review of project documentation for storage facilities with a size of no more than 1350m² the number of procedures is reduced by one and the duration of procedures is reduced by 20 working days.

2. A Single window on dealing with construction permit has been launched in Dushanbe

The Single Window platform for dealing with construction permits already helps businesses to register and request construction permits without visiting various authorities starting from 15 July 2019, and from 16 December 2019, the system was launched online on the portal of the Main Department of Architecture and Urban Planning of Dushanbe www.memori.tj. Business entities and commercial enterprises are able to apply online to the municipality of Dushanbe for a construction permits. In addition, 12 licensing authorities, including JSC "Dushanbe Electric Networks", SUE "Dushanbe Vodokanal", OJSC "Dushanbe Heating Network", OJSC "Tajiktelecom", OJSC "Dushanbegaz" and other authorities are connected to the Single Window center via fiber-optic connectivity.

The list of documents required for dealing with construction permits, samples of documents, a platform for registering and opening an account and e-filing, an application for obtaining technical conditions, Architectural Planning Assignment and construction permits has already been posted on www.memori.tj website.

This approach helps applicants avoid the difficulties they have faced in submitting paper applications. A few years ago, the process of submitting applications and reviewing documents included visiting a number of public authorities in the City Administration, and took a lot of time, but now **the entire process can be completed in 5-6 days (previously it took 45 days)**. Regardless of whether you are applying for a construction permit, an application for an assessment of architectural and planning tasks, permission from public utilities or approval of technical passports, combining 12 government departments into a "Single

window" means combining 12 procedures into one procedure through an automated unified system. Up to date, the new internal system of the Main Department of Construction and Architecture of the Dushanbe city, relevant software and web page are fully functioning.

To the date, since its operation, 154 new construction permits have been issued through a Single window (up to 31.12.2019, 61 permits were issued) and more than 940 additional applications have been processed. In particular, during this period, following permits were issued:

- 154 construction permits;
- 102 technical specification;
- 120 Architectural Planning Assignments;
- 114 fully agreed construction projects;
- 57 construction distribution documents;
- 80 approved projects for technical painting of buildings;
- 30 agreed construction organization projects;
- 283 mailing addresses for legal and individuals' entities.

The "Single window of construction permits" mechanism, supported by the world Bank, will save at least 40 per cent of the time required to obtain permits related to the Dushanbe city and 74 per cent of the associated costs.

3. The Procedure for obtaining permits for the construction of warehouses has been adopted

In order to simplify the procedures of dealing with construction permits of warehouses with a size of no more than 1350m², the Order of Chairman of the Committee on Architecture and Construction under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan dated " 13 December 2018 the "Procedure on conducting administrative procedures related to the implementation of urban planning activities in the construction of warehouses» has been adopted.

According to this Procedure, the construction of a warehouse according to the case methodology report Doing business, i.e. the construction of a warehouse on its owned plots does not require re-allocation of land and coordination with the relevant departments, and the state expertise review of project documentation.

4. Procedure for submission of permits fee for building and facility construction in Dushanbe city

Also, obtaining permits to start construction for social and industrial facilities is free of charge in accordance with paragraph 6 of the Procedure for payment of permits for the construction of building and facility in Dushanbe city, adopted by the Decree of the Mayor of Dushanbe dated 18 May 2020.

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Note: More information will be provided regarding other indicators of the Doing Business report of the World Bank