



STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR RESUMPTION OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

With the final unlocking of the Dzongkhag from 18th September 2020 onwards, all restrictions imposed during the lockdown period are lifted to resume normal operation and functioning of daily activities. However, as we move forward and embark into the New Normal; general public, agencies and private entities must adopt and follow the following procedures for operation and management of the construction activities within the Dzongkhag at all times to mitigate the risks of transmission and spread of COVID-19 in the Dzongkhag.

All entities must ensure full compliance with the following:

- a) *Foreign workers engaged at construction sites must possess a valid work permit and TWP (COVID-19) card issued by the Department of Immigration.*
- b) All COVID-19 Advisories/Protocols issued by the Ministry of Health shall be implemented and adhered to at all times, without fail. The Advisories/Protocols are available online at www.moh.gov.bt
- c) All sites shall display the Druk Trace App generated QR Code. All visitors shall be required to register with the Druk Trace App or use a manual register.
- d) Thermal screening of all workers shall be carried out every morning and appropriate hand washing facilities shall also be put in place at the site.
- e) All Foreign workers, workers from other Dzongkhags and workers from other Gewogs & villages within the Dzongkhag shall live on the premises of the site. For workers from the locality of the construction site/area, firms/individual are encouraged to keep them in an area close to the site.
- f) Mixing of construction workers from different sites shall not be permitted unless duly authorized by the Department of Immigration.
- g) Movement of foreign workers shall be monitored by the contractors or owner.



- h) Mass gatherings shall be avoided at all times.
 - i) Any worker with flu like symptoms shall be promptly reported to 1182 or taken to the nearest flu clinic immediately by the site supervisor/owner.
 - j) Ration, food and other essential items for the workers shall be procured and delivered to the site by the site supervisor/owner to prevent overcrowding at shopping areas.
 - k) Records of all workers at the site shall be diligently maintained. Daily attendance and Log Book (Log Book shall maintain details of such as residence and place of visit, if the labourer had to travel for work related or goes on leave) of all workers shall be taken and recorded.
 - l) Workers shall not be permitted to leave the site without prior approval of the owner.
 - m) Any leave of absence or case of absconding by a worker shall be promptly reported to the Royal Bhutan Police and Department of Immigration by the owner.
3. Accountability for any lapses, breaches or negligence shall rest on the site supervisor/owner and action shall be taken in accordance with relevant laws, rules and regulations.
4. The Department of Immigration (DoI) and Department of Labour (DoL) with the support of other relevant agencies such as the Phuentsholing Thromde, Ministry of Health, Royal Bhutan Police, De-Suong, etc. shall undertake periodic inspections to ensure compliance with this Advisory.
5. This Advisory shall remain in force till further notice.



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