

L.N. 364 of 2020

**RELETTING OF URBAN PROPERTY
(REGULATION) ORDINANCE
(CAP. 69)**

**MEDIATION ACT
(CAP. 474)**

Rent Regulation Board (Mediation) Regulations, 2020

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by article 45 of the Reletting of Urban Property (Regulation) Ordinance, and by article 33 of the Mediation Act, the Minister responsible for Justice, has made the following regulations:

1. The title of these regulations is Rent Regulation Board (Mediation) Regulations, 2020. Citation.
2. In these regulations unless the context otherwise requires - Definitions.
 - (a) "Centre" means the Malta Mediation Centre established by article 3 of the Mediation Act; Cap. 474.
 - (b) "Minister" means the Minister responsible for Justice;
 - (c) "Registrar" means the Registrar of the Mediation Centre.
3. (1) Parties to mediation may select a mediator by mutual consent. In the case where both parties or any one of the parties do not agree, they shall, within fifteen (15) days from the date of notification, apply to the Registrar for the appointment of a mediator in accordance to article 19 of the Mediation Act. Selection of mediator.
Cap. 474.
(2) In the case where the parties or none of the parties fail to communicate their request for the appointment of a mediator to the Registrar, the Registrar shall forthwith, and after the period established in sub-regulation (1) proceed to nominate a mediator in accordance to article 20 of the Mediation Act. Cap. 474.
(3) Where the parties select a mediator by mutual consent or the mediator is chosen in accordance to article 20 of the Mediation Act, the fees due to such mediator shall be a charge to the Centre, in accordance to the Mediation Act (Tariff of Fees) Regulations. Cap. 474.
S.L. 474.01.

- Proceedings. 4. (1) Proceedings for mediation relating to all new disputes regarding leases agreed between parties on the 31st May 1995, or prior to this date, shall as from the coming into force of these regulations, be conducted according to the provisions of article 34 of the Mediation Act.
- Cap. 474.
- (2) The letting agreements applicable shall include such leases stipulated under article 44 of the Reletting of Urban Property (Regulation) Ordinance.
- Cap. 69.
- Authorization by decree. 5. The Rent Regulation Board shall give authorization by decree *in camera* when so required on any demand made in accordance with article 34 of the Mediation Act, and shall also have the discretion if this is necessary during the mediation, to hear the parties;
- Cap. 474.
- Fees. 6. The Mediation Act (Tariff of Fees) Regulations shall, S.L. 474.01. *mutatis mutandis*, apply to these regulations.
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