
Exemption Certificate for Large Apartment Development

Read this exemption carefully - you must comply with all the conditions.

Exemption

Decision date: 28 November 2024

The following people have been given the following exemption:

Case number	202400713
Developer	MRCB Aotea Central Limited (company number 8149496)
Development	One multi-story building comprised of 78 residential dwellings at the development known as the Symphony Centre Development at 4-10 Mayoral Drive and 32-24 Wellesley Street West, Auckland.
Effect of this Exemption Certificate	<p>This Exemption Certificate is required for the exemption in Schedule 3, clause 4(5) of the Act to apply.</p> <p>This Exemption Certificate means that certain transactions are exempt from the requirement to obtain consent under the Act (Exemption).</p> <p>The Exemption for overseas purchasers only applies if all the following criteria are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the relevant land is residential (but not otherwise sensitive) land; and• the overseas purchaser makes the investment before the construction of the apartment is complete; and• 60% or less of the apartments in the Development have been sold to overseas purchasers. <p>Overseas purchasers should obtain legal advice before relying on the Exemption.</p>
Duration	This Exemption Certificate applies from the Decision Date until the construction of each new apartment in the Development is complete.

Interpretation

In this Exemption Certificate and conditions, unless the context otherwise requires:

Act means the Overseas Investment Act 2005.

apartment means any new residential dwelling in the Development.

The **construction of the apartment is complete** on the earlier of:

- the issue of a code compliance certificate for an apartment, or
- the issue of a certificate of practical completion for an apartment.

Other references in the conditions to construction being 'complete' or 'completed' have a corresponding meaning.

LINZ, us or we means Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand.

overseas purchaser means an overseas person or an associate of an overseas person who is acquiring an apartment.

residential dwelling has the meaning in the Act.

transaction has the meaning in the Act.

you means:

- in relation to the Developer conditions, the Developer(s), the holders of the Exemption Certificate;
- in relation to the Purchaser conditions, the overseas purchaser.

Conditions

Your Exemption is subject to the conditions set out below. You must comply with them. The Overseas Investment Act 2005 (**Act**) provides for civil and criminal sanctions for breaching the Act, failing to comply with conditions of exemption and failing to provide information required by LINZ. LINZ has an obligation to investigate and act upon alleged and suspected breaches of the Act.

If requested in writing by LINZ, the Exemption Holder must provide a written report within 20 working days (or such other timeframe as specified) on any matter relating to its compliance with:

- (a) the representations and plans made or submitted in support of the application for the Exemption; or
- (b) the conditions of the Exemption

Part A – Conditions for the Developer

You must comply with the following conditions:

Details	Required date
Developer condition 1: attach a copy of the Exemption Certificate to the sale and purchase agreement with overseas purchasers	
<p>If an overseas purchaser intends to rely on the Exemption, you must attach a copy of this Exemption Certificate to the sale and purchase agreement (SPA).</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="1062 607 1426 763">1. Before the transaction is entered into, if the date of the SPA is after the Decision Date, or<li data-bbox="1062 786 1426 1395">2. If the date of the SPA is prior to the Decision Date (and conditional upon the Developer obtaining this Exemption) then you must provide a copy of this decision to the Purchaser (or their solicitor) and obtain written confirmation that its terms apply to the Purchaser's acquisition of the apartment.

Developer condition 2: limits on right to dispose of apartments to overseas purchasers

You must not enter into an agreement to sell an apartment to an overseas purchaser for the purpose of this Exemption Certificate if:

- (a) the transaction will result in overseas purchasers acquiring an interest in more than 60% of the apartments in the Development under this Exemption; or
- (b) the construction of the apartment is complete; or
- (c) the apartment is in a building that contains less than 20 apartments.

At all times.

Developer condition 3: keep a record of all transactions

You must keep the following information for each overseas purchaser who has acquired an apartment, whether or not the person is relying on the Exemption:

- (a) full name (if buying as a trust, the name of the settlor, trustee/s and beneficiaries of the trust);
- (b) date of birth;
- (c) a copy of their passport¹ or other relevant citizenship documentation;
- (d) postal address;
- (e) telephone number;
- (f) email address;
- (g) number, floor and record of title of the apartment being acquired;
- (h) whether they are an overseas person;
- (i) whether they are relying on the Exemption;
- (j) date the transaction was entered into; and
- (k) date the transaction was settled.

At all times from the date of each SPA until the date which the last apartment in the Development is acquired relying on this Exemption settles.

¹ Note: the passports or other citizenship documents must be of high quality (at least 300dpi), colour scanned copies of current (in date) primary identity document.

Developer condition 4: provide information to us

You must provide the information in developer condition 3 to LINZ.

For the avoidance of doubt, you are required to provide the information in developer condition 3 to LINZ until all transactions for apartments in the Development are completed.

Within 20 working days of all of the following occasions:

1. any written request from us,
2. every anniversary of the Decision Date until such date that construction of all the apartments in the Development is complete,
3. the date (if any) on which 60% of the apartments in the Development have been acquired by overseas purchasers relying on the Exemption, and
4. the date on which the last apartment in the Development acquired relying on this Exemption is settled.

You must also provide all of the following information to LINZ:

- (a) a land transfer plan showing the layout of the apartments in the Development and the total number of apartments in the Development.

Within 20 working days of all of the following occasions:

1. any written request from us (if available, in draft as the case may be), and
2. the date on which LINZ advise the e-dealing depositing the LT plan has registered.

Part B – Conditions for the Overseas Purchaser

Overseas Purchasers must comply with the following conditions:

Details	Required date
Purchaser condition 1: do not occupy the apartment(s)	
<p>None of the following people may occupy the apartment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) overseas purchaser (b) any overseas person with a 25% or more ownership or control interest in the overseas purchaser (c) any overseas person who occupies the apartment other than on arm's length terms² (d) any overseas person beneficially interested in or entitled to the relevant interest in the apartment (e) if (a) is a trust, any beneficiary (direct or indirect) who may benefit under the trust at the trustees' discretion. <p>This means that overseas purchasers and the people outlined in paragraphs (b) to (e) cannot live in the apartment unless they have a 'One Home to Live In'³ consent allowing them to do so.</p>	<p>This condition applies at any time when you, or any of the people outlined in paragraphs (b) to (e), has any relevant interest⁴ in the land.</p>
Purchaser condition 2: dispose of the apartment if you do not comply with Purchaser condition 1	
<p>If we consider you have failed to comply with Purchaser condition 1 in a material way we may require you to dispose of all relevant interests in the apartment.</p> <p>We will give you written notice if we require you to dispose of the apartment. After we have given you notice, you must:</p>	

² 'At arms length terms' has the meaning in clause 17, Part 5, Schedule 2 of the Act. In summary it means terms, for example under a lease (or other contract), that are on a reasonable commercial basis.

³ A 'One Home to Live In' consent, allows you and your family to live in the property as your main home. You can find out more about how to apply for consent under the 'One Home to Live In' consent on our website at <https://www.linz.govt.nz/overseas-investment/information-for-buying-or-building-one-home-live>.

⁴ 'Relevant Interest' has the meaning in clause 2 of Schedule 2 of the Act. In summary it means any interest of any kind (legal or equitable) in the residential land, or any right or interest in securities of a person who owns or controls (directly or indirectly) any interest in the residential land.

<p>1. Value the apartment: obtain and send us a copy of a market valuation of the apartment from a New Zealand registered valuer, unless we agree to waive this requirement.</p>	<p>Within six weeks of the date of our notice.</p>
<p>2. Market the apartment: instruct a licensed real estate agent to actively market the apartment for sale on the open market.</p>	<p>Within six weeks of the date of our notice.</p>
<p>3. Dispose of the apartment: dispose of the apartment to a third party who is not your associate.</p>	<p>Within six months of our notice.</p>
<p>4. Offer without reserve: if you have not disposed of the apartment by the date required in paragraph 3 of this purchaser condition 2, offer the apartment for sale by auction or tender without a reserve price or minimum bid and dispose of the apartment.</p>	<p>Within nine months of our notice.</p>
<p>5. Report to us about marketing: tell us in writing about marketing activities undertaken and offers received for the apartment.</p>	<p>By the last day of every March, June, September and December after our notice or at any other time we require.</p>
<p>6. Report disposal to us: send us, in writing, evidence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) that you have disposed of the apartment, (b) of disposal (including copies of sale and purchase agreements, settlement statements and titles showing the purchaser as registered owner), (c) the purchaser is not your associate. 	<p>Within one month after the apartment has been disposed of.</p>

APPENDIX – DEVELOPMENT

1. This Exemption Certificate applies **only** to the Development, located at 4-10 Mayoral Drive and 32-24 Wellesley Street West, Auckland, consisting of a land area of approximately 4,785 square metres (the **Land**) and currently comprised in Records of Title 1038105;⁵ 1105048;⁶ NA1589/36;⁷ NA1193/78⁸ and NA75B/323.⁹
2. The Symphony Centre Development is identified in the following plan:

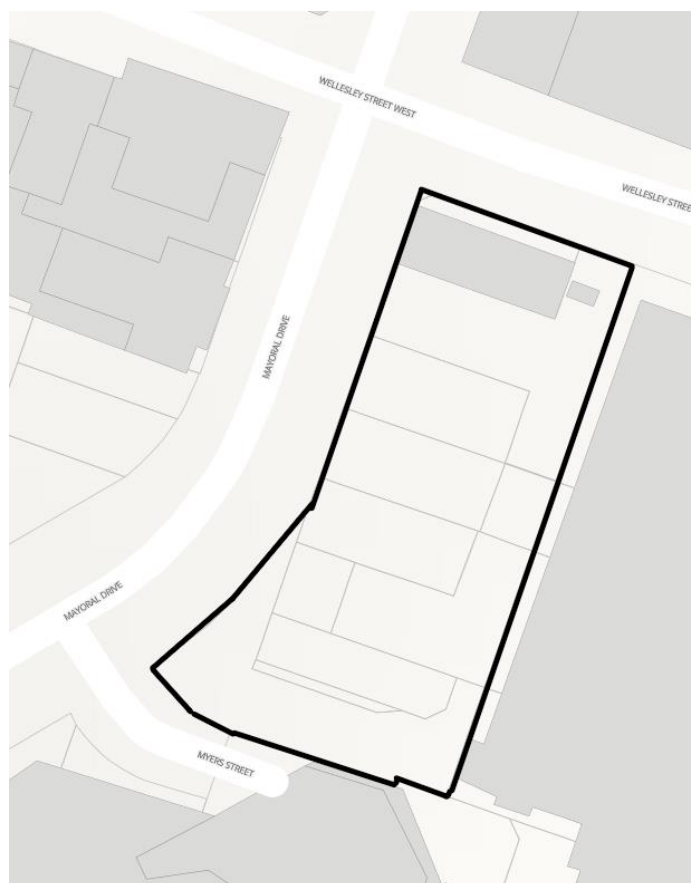


Figure 1: Symphony Centre Development plan

3. If there is any inconsistency between the boundary shown in the plan at Figure 1 and the land area as defined in the records of title, the land area prevails.

⁵ legally described as 'Section 1 Survey Office Plan 552063 and Section 3 Survey Office Plan 552063'

⁶ legally described as 'Lot 19 Deposited Plan 21520 and Section 1'

⁷ legally described as 'Lot 15, 18, 23-25 Deposited Plan 21520 and Part Lot 21 Deposited Plan 21520'

⁸ legally described as 'Allotment 26-27 Section 31 City of Auckland'

⁹ legally described as 'Section 1 Survey Office Plan 54203'