



HERITAGE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q.1. What is HCC?

Reply: Heritage Conservation Committee (HCC) is a committee setup under the chairmanship of Special Secretary / Additional Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development as per provisions of Section 23 in Delhi Building Byelaws, 1983 (*Clause 7.26 of the Unified Building Bye Laws for Delhi 2016*) for protection of Heritage Buildings, Heritage Precincts and Natural features in Delhi.

Q.2. What is the applicability of the HCC regulations?

Reply: The HCC regulations apply to Heritage Sites including buildings, artifacts, structures, areas and precincts of historic, architectural, aesthetic, cultural or environmental value herein after referred to as listed Heritage Buildings/ Listed Heritage Precincts etc. (*Annexure II of Clause 7.26- Unified Building Bye Laws for Delhi 2016*)

Q.3. Which are the notified list Heritage Buildings/ precincts?

Reply: The notified heritage buildings, precincts, natural features are those heritage buildings etc. which have been notified as heritage in the Gazette of India.

The list of Heritage Buildings, Heritage Sites including heritage precincts and natural feature areas is to be prepared by the NDMC, MCD and DDA with the approval of the HCC and supplemented from time to time.

At present 886 buildings in Delhi are in notified list. The list of notified 141 heritage buildings/ precincts of [NDMC](#) and 745 in areas under [Municipal Corporation](#) are available in the HCC website i.e. <http://www.hccdelhi.org> under the head '**Publications**'.

Q.4. What are the categories of the Heritage Buildings/ precincts notified?

Reply: The listed heritage buildings are categorized under three [grades](#):

- i. **Grade I:** Comprises Buildings etc. of national or Historic importance. No interventions be permitted either on exterior or interior of the Heritage Building etc. unless it is necessary in the interest of strengthening and prolonging the life of the building etc.

- ii. **Grade II:** Comprises of building etc. of regional or local importance possessing special architectural or aesthetic merit or historical significance.
 - a. **Grade II A:** Internal changes and adaptive reuse may by and large be allowed.
 - b. **Grade II B:** In addition to above extension to additional building in same plot or compound could in certain circumstances allowed provided it is in harmony with existing building etc.
- iii. **Grade III:** Comprises building and precincts of importance for townscape that evoke architectural, aesthetics or sociological interest. Internal changes and adaptive reuse may by and large be allowed. Changes can include extensions and additional buildings in the same plot / compound provided they are in harmony with the existing building etc.

Q.5. What is the restriction on Development / re-development / repairs?

Reply: No Development or re-development or Engineering operation or Additions / Alterations, Repairs etc. including painting of the Building shall be allowed except with the prior permission of the concerned local authority viz. DDA, MCD, NDMC as the case may be.

Before granting permission local authority concerned shall consult the HCC.

Q.6. How to submit proposal in HCC?

Reply: For the proposal referred through local body for sanction following are procedure:

- i. The proposals are required to be sent in the prescribed [proforma](#) which can be downloaded from the Heritage Conservation Committee (HCC) website or collected from the HCC office.
- ii. The [proforma](#) and drawings are received through concerned local body.
- iii. The recommendations of the HCC together with approved drawings based on the HCC's observations, if any, are sent back to the local body.
- iv. The minutes of the meeting are uploaded on HCC website soon after getting its approval from the HCC.

Q.7. What are the documents required for submission of proposal?

Reply: The list of documents/ drawings/ materials required for Grade I, Grade II and Grade III buildings are available in the HCC website i.e. <http://www.hccdelhi.org> under the head '[Guidelines](#)'.

Q.8. What is the organizational composition of HCC?

Reply: The Committee has been reconstituted vide Ministry of Urban Development's notification no.K-12016/6/2003-DD-II dated 14th August 2013. The Special Secretary/ Additional Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development is the chairman of the HCC with its Members and Member Secretary. The lists of members are available in HCC website i.e. <http://www.hccdelhi.org> under the head '**Organization.**'

Q.9. Which are the agencies concerned with protection of Delhi's built heritage?

Reply: The agencies concerned with the protection of Delhi's built heritage are:

1. Heritage Conservation Committee (HCC) under Ministry of Urban Development
2. Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)
3. State Archaeological Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi
4. Delhi Development Authority (DDA)
5. MCD (EDMC, SDMC, NDMC)
6. Central Public Works Department
7. Cantonment Board, Delhi
8. INTACH
9. Aga Khan Trust