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FSM Seminar 2024 Updates to Fire Safety Managers – Part 1

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Scope

Enhanced Application Process for FC

Notice of CERT audit via Letter.gov.sg

 Streamlining Touchpoints between Fire Safety Managers and SCDF





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Enhanced Application Process For Fire Certificate (FC)

Background

- Under the Fire Safety Act, the owner or occupier of buildings that meet the stipulated criteria is required to apply and obtain the FC
- Previously, the owner or occupier of buildings applied FC via SCDF e-Services
- At present, FC application had migrated to GoBusiness Licensing portal (a one-stop portal for various licenses/certificates application across agencies)

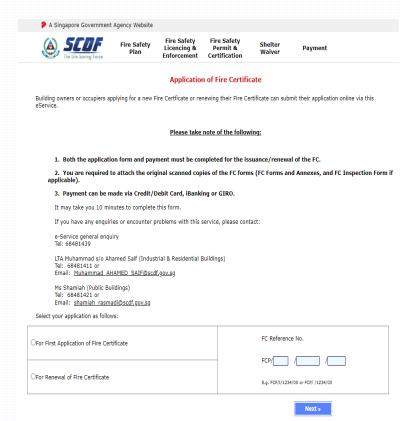


Fig 1. Application of FC on SCDF e-services platform



Previous Application Process for New FC (7 days)

Step	Details	Duration
1	SCDF sends Building Information Form to applicant to request for relevant information	1 working day
2	Applicant fills up the form and submits to SCDF	1 working day
3	SCDF verifies the details, calculate FC fees and generate FC reference number for applicant to make the application via eservices	1 working day
4	Applicant submits new FC application via e-services	1 working day
5	SCDF processes and approves FC application	3 working days
Total		7 working days

Current Application Process for New FC (4 days)

Step	Details	Duration
1	SCDF sends Building Information Form to applicant to request for relevant information	1 working day
2	Applicant fills up the form and submits to SCDF	1 working day
3	SCDF verifies the details, calculate FC fees and generate FC reference number for applicant to make the application via eservices	1 working day
4	Applicant submits new FC application on GoBusiness	1 working day
5	SCDF processes and approves FC application	3 working days
Total		4 working days

Benefits of Enhanced Process

1. Shorter duration from 7 days to 4 days

Applicant no longer required to fill up and submit Building Info form. Details in this form will be integrated into GoBusiness

2. Enhanced user experience

Information such as building address and building owner details are prepopulated using Corppass

3. Improved Information Accuracy

Important fields such as contact details and email addresses are automatically validated

- 1. Incorrect or invalid contact numbers or email addresses will not be accepted
- 2. Notices (e.g. renewal notices) generated are issued to valid user email addresses





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Letter should be dated with correct premises name and address

Premises CERT Tier will be shared

Date: <today>

«Company Name» «Address» Singapore «Postal Code»

ATTN: Owner/Occupier/MCST

Official reference numbers here

Dear Sir/Mdm,

NOTICE OF COMPANY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM AUDIT

Under the Fire Safety (Company Emergency Response Team) Regulations 2013, owners or occupiers of specified premises are required to establish a CERT. SCDF conducts audits to ensure premises owners and occupiers comply with the Fire Safety Act and its subsidiary legislation.

A Tier <X> DERT documentation audit is scheduled on «CERT Audit Date» for your premises. The Emergency Response Plan, CERT training records and minimum equipping will be audited. To facilitate this audit, SCDF officers may conduct an operational survey at your premises with your Fire Safety Manager and/or other relevant premises representatives.

Our officers from «Stn» Fire Station will be contacting you soon to confirm the time for the CERT Audit. You may email us at scdf cert@scdf.gov.sq if you have any questions regarding this CERT audit notice.

CERT Audit Team Fire Safety Management Branch Fire Safety Department Singapore Civil Defence Force







Specific audit date will be shared







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Streamlining Touchpoints between Fire Safety Managers and SCDF

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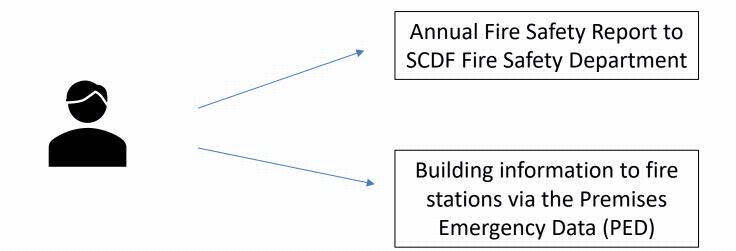
- Fire Safety Managers (FSMs) play an important role in maintaining high fire safety standards within buildings.
- FSMs' duties are stipulated in the Fire Safety (Fire Safety Managers) Regulations.
- FSMs are also the point-of-contact for SCDF on fire safety and emergency preparedness matters.



Fig. 1 FSM facilitating SCDF's on-site inspection

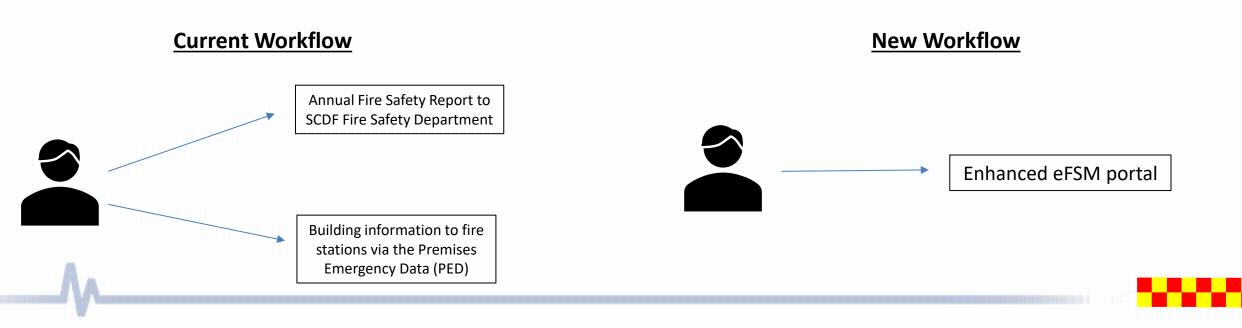
Feedback from FSMs

- SCDF conducted several engagement sessions with FSMs to gather feedback on any current pain points
- Common feedback FSMs are providing overlapping information to different contact points within SCDF, resulting in additional and repeated work



Enhancing Workflow for FSMs

- Together with inputs received from FSMs, SCDF will be streamlining the workflow by having a single touchpoint
- Instead of providing information to different contact points within SCDF, FSMs will
 utilize the enhanced e-FSM portal to provide the relevant information



Key Benefits

This streamlined workflow through a single touchpoint will converge both the collation of Premises Emergency Data (PED) and Annual Fire Safety Report (AFSR) processes into one, making it easier for FSMs to share the relevant information to SCDF

Improved experience & time savings for FSMs

- ✓ Reduce double work from FSMs
- ✓ Once the information has been submitted, it will be pre-populated for subsequent submissions → time savings for FSMs

Better incident management

✓ SCDF can make use of the updated building information for better incident response

Consistent and accurate information

✓ FSMs can update the information as soon as there are updates, or can amend the information if any inaccuracies were detected during ops survey by stations



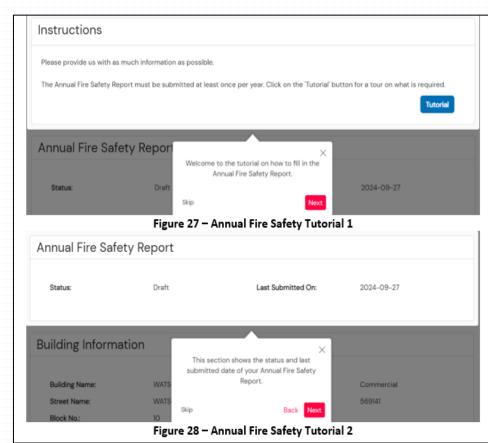
What Can FSMs Expect?

Guide for FSMs

- Circulars will be sent to all FSMs with brief user guide by mid-Dec 2024
- Step-by-step tutorial in eFSM portal
- Additional 1-hour online workshops for FSMs who need further guidance

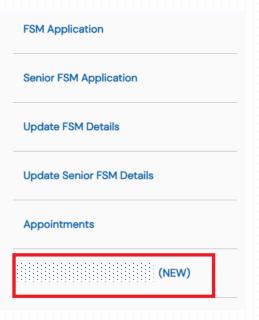
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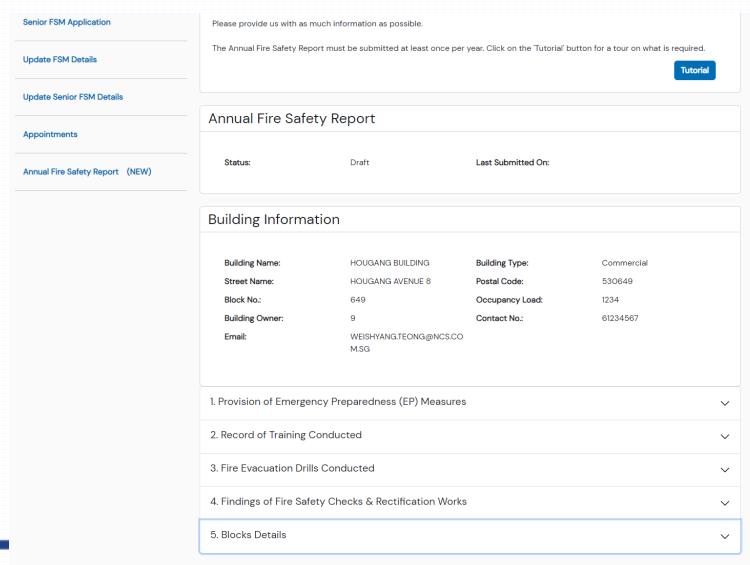
Some FSMs will be invited to try out the enhanced eFSM portal in Nov 2024 and provide feedback to refine the system further.



Screenshot of step-by-step tutorial to guide FSMs

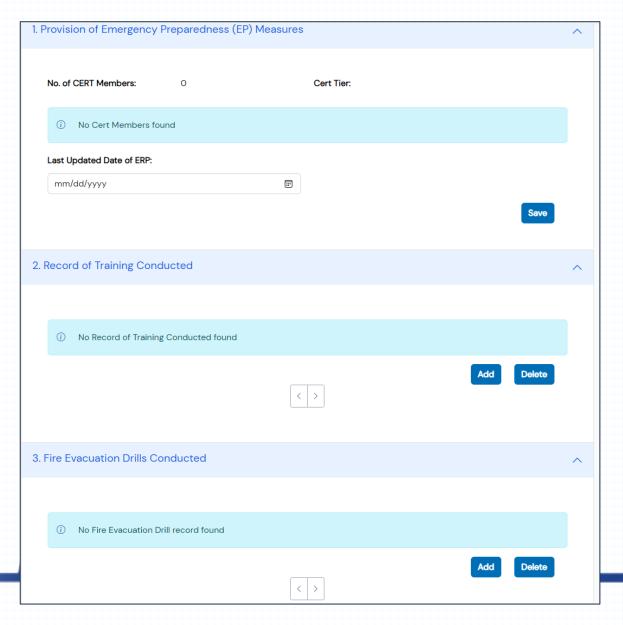


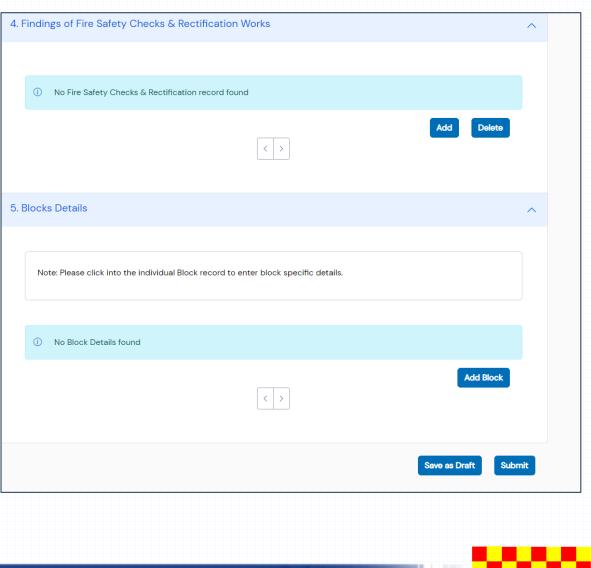


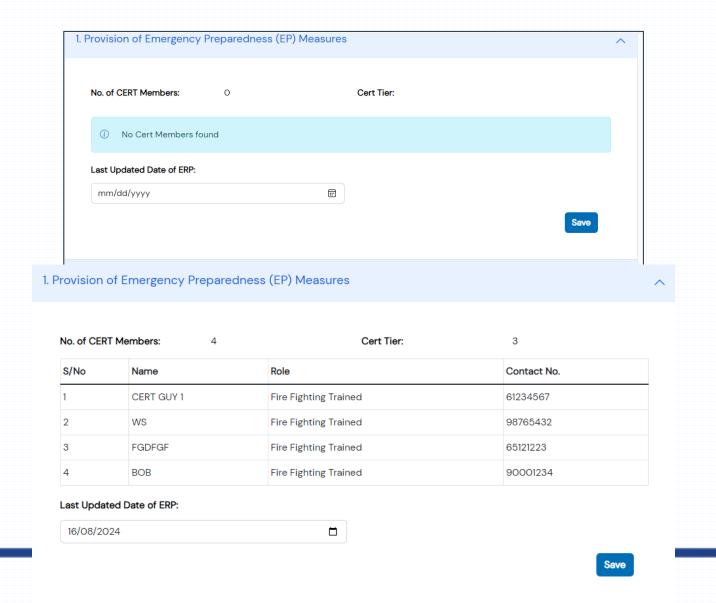


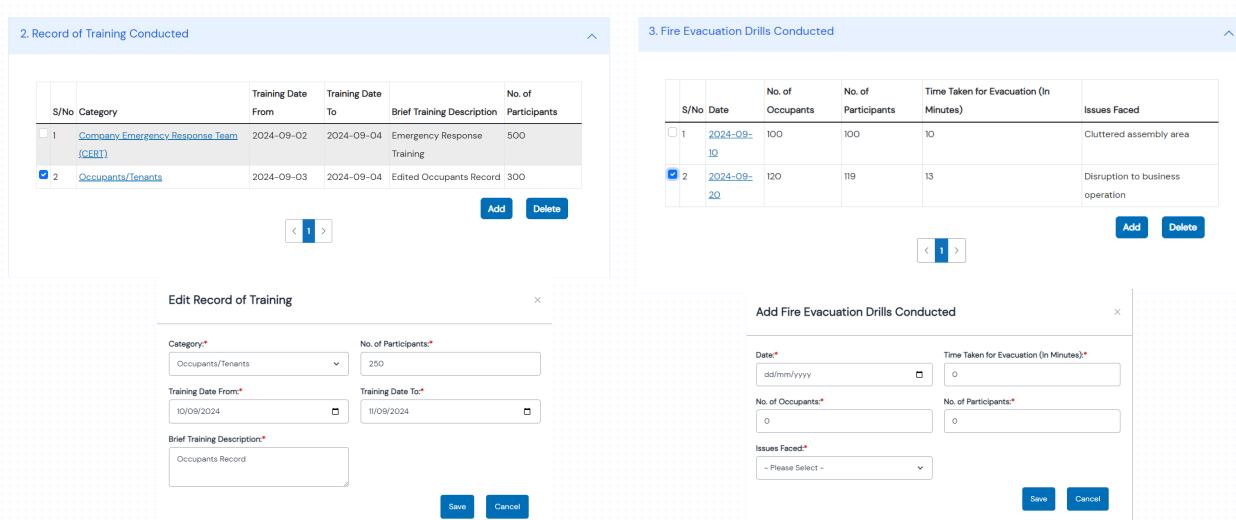


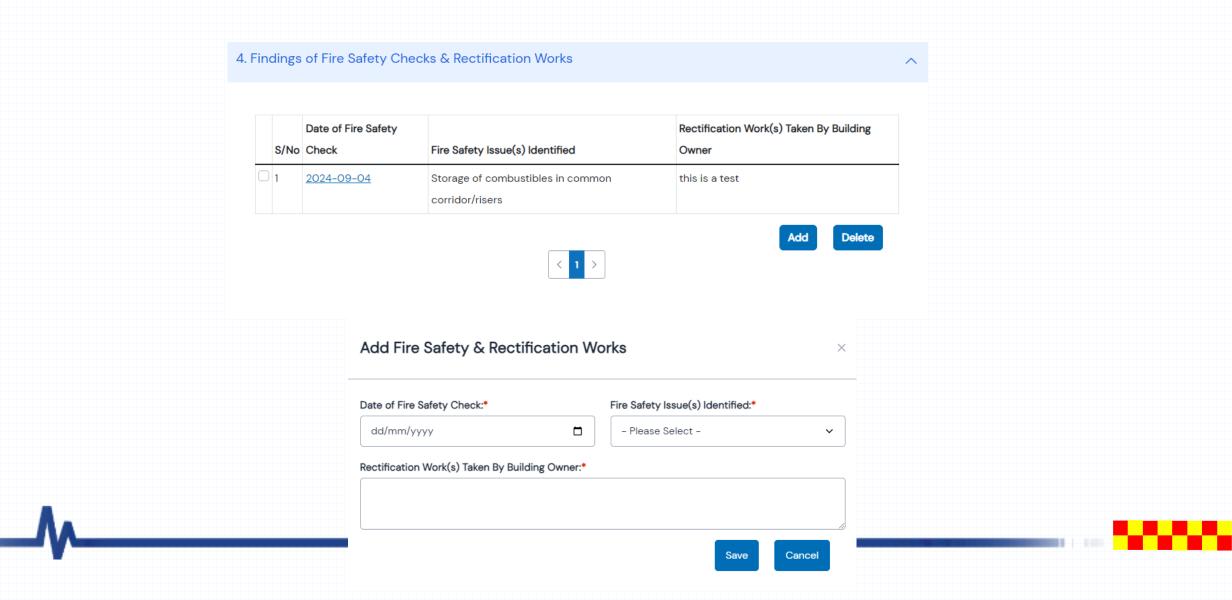


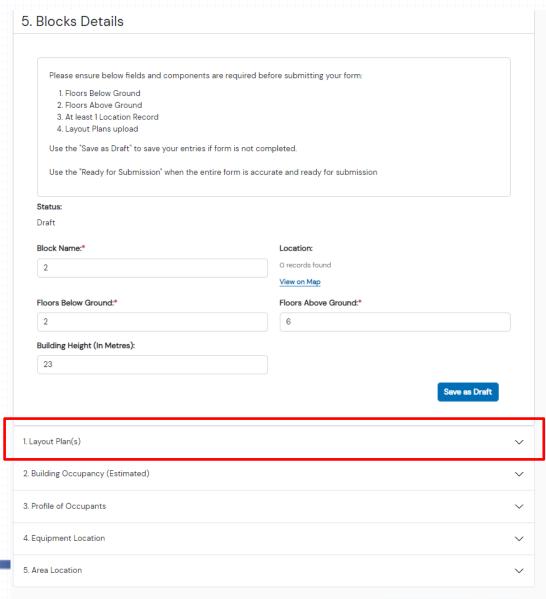


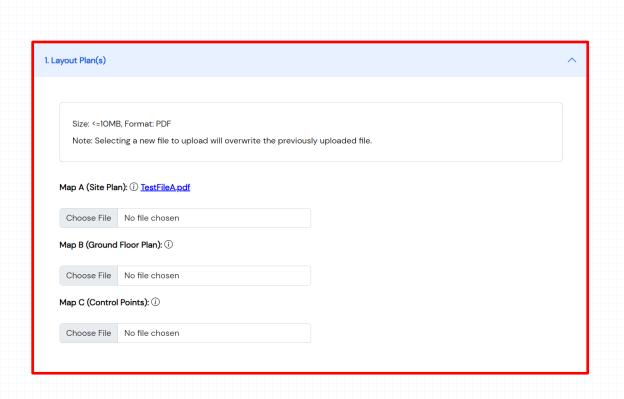


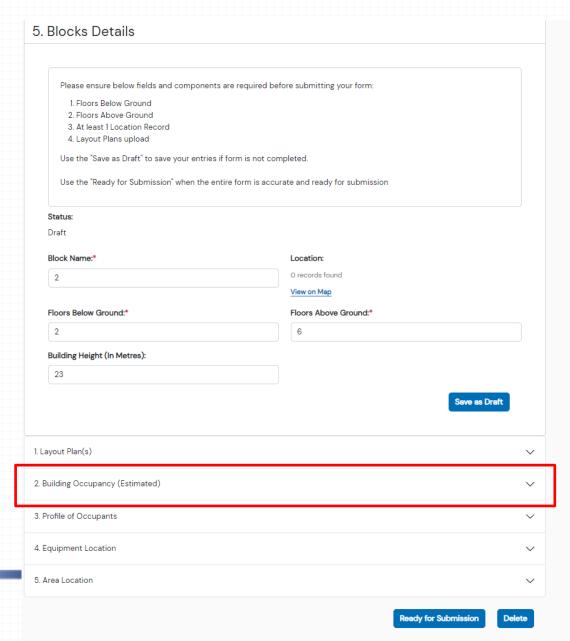


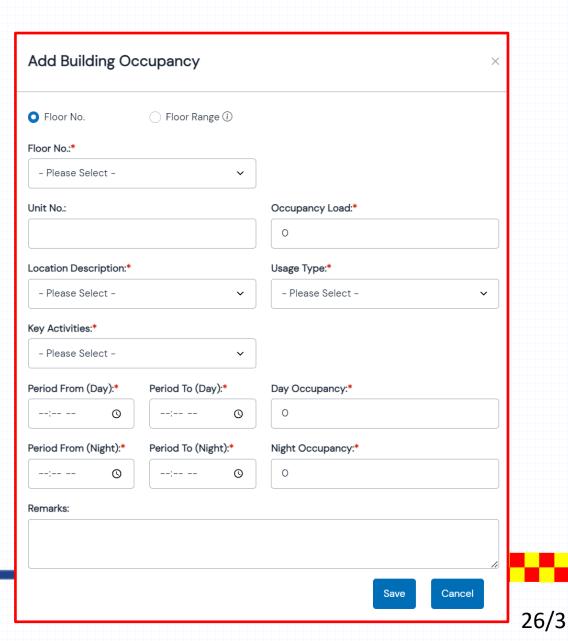


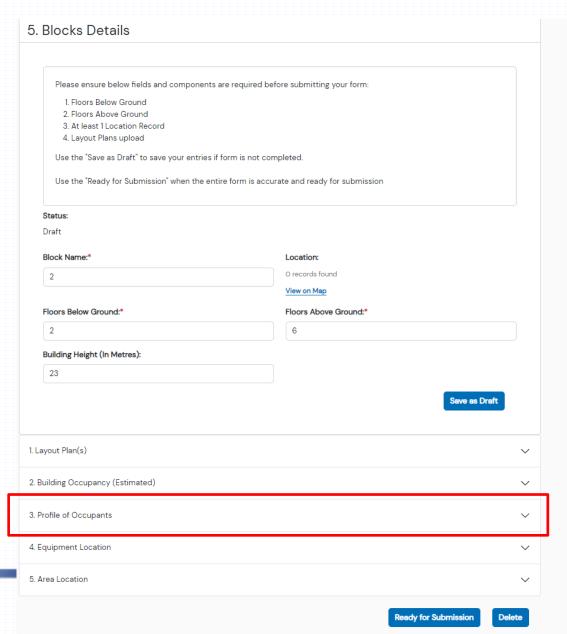


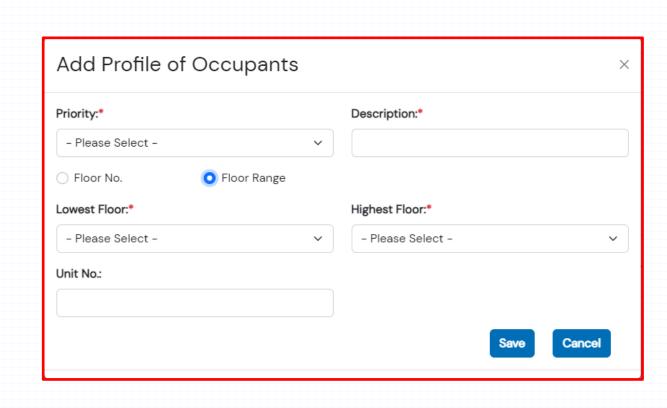


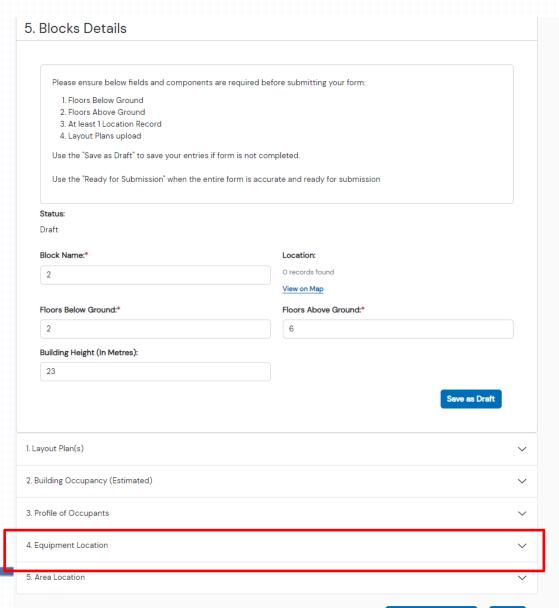




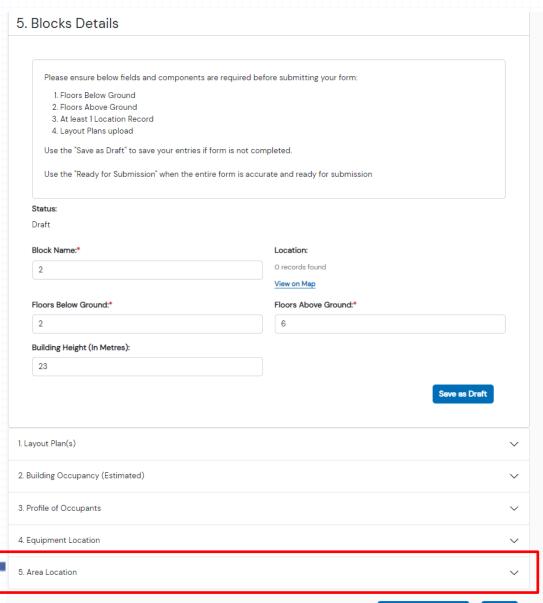


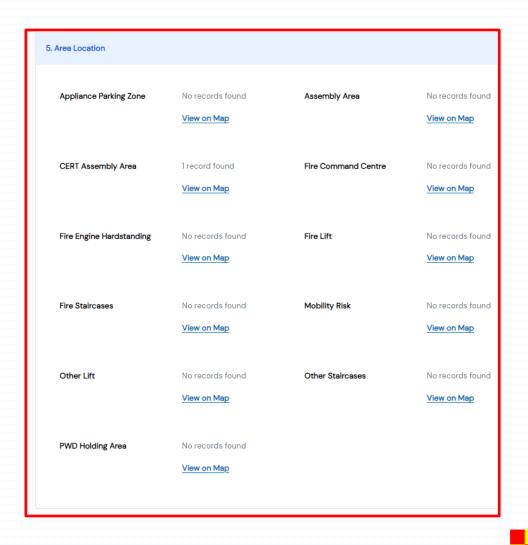












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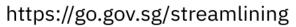
Conclusion

 FSMs continue to play an integral role in managing fire safety within premises and being SCDF's point of contact

- The enhanced eFSM portal aims to bring benefits to FSMs in terms of improved experience and time savings
- Feedback from FSMs is important so that SCDF can work together with FSMs to improve existing work processes

2-min Survey to Collate FSMs' Feedback







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