

Special Hotel Qualifying CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

In response to the demand and anticipated growth of Guam's tourism industry, the Special Hotel Qualifying Certificate (QC) program was created under Public Law 32-233, specifically for the development of one thousand six hundred (1,600) new hotel rooms by the year 2020, a goal set forth by the Guam Visitors Bureau Vision 2020 plan. This Special Hotel Qualifying Certificate provides additional incentives to hotel developers in order to meet this goal.

ELIGIBILITY

Developers and owners are allowed a tax rebate, exemption or abatement in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of their total construction costs, which can be applied by the developer, at their discretion, to the following taxes:

- 50% of Unpledged Business Privilege Tax payable to the government of Guam for twenty (20) years.
- 75% Income Tax Rebate for twenty (20) years.
- 100% Real Property Tax Abatement for ten (10) years on property utilized by the beneficiary for activities stated in the QC.
- 100% of Use Tax Exemption with respect to the property used to construct, furnish and equip the new facility construction or substantial expansion of an existing building.

FEES

Fees consist of a one-time application fee and an annual surveillance fee assessed until the QC beneficiary has exhausted the total dollar amount of its QC benefit.

Project Application & Modification Fee:

\$5,000.00

Annual Surveillance Fee:

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| 1 Under Construction | \$3,000.00 |
| 2 In Operation | \$50/per room |

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION

The beneficiary shall make a community contribution of 0.5% of the total hotel construction costs to the Guam Economic Development Authority. The terms of the contribution shall be subject to negotiations between GEDA and the developer.

PROVISION FOR LOCAL ART

Pursuant to Article 2 of Title 1 GCA Chapter 8, the beneficiary shall make provisions for the inclusion of local art in their building.

EXPIRATION

The Special Hotel Qualifying Certificate program shall remain in effect until the earlier of:

- Five (5) years;
- 1,600 hotel rooms have been committed to be built; or
- A China Visa Waiver or China Visa Parole declaration has been approved for Guam.