

Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute will be informed if temporary residency applicants violate the law on "Prohibition of Providing Illegal Accommodation", be it providing illegal accommodation directly or in breach of the cooperation obligations with the law enforcement departments. The continuations of temporary residency permits under Local Real Estate, Investment Plan / Major Investment or Management / Technical Scheme may be affected or cancelled.

Macao Government Tourist Office

24 hours Hotline:

2833 3000

All legal hotels, pensions and inns in Macau are listed in the Macau Government Tourist Office website:
<http://www.macaotourism.gov.mo>

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Providing Illegal Accommodation

People who provide guest accommodation to tourists in premises other than hotels (including residential, commercial or industrial premises) and without a legal hotel license can be regarded as providing illegal accommodation, except under the following circumstances:

- The tenancy relationships between the accommodation providers and the occupants are stable and the “Property Tax Application Form” (M/4 or M/4A) has been submitted to the Macau Financial Services Bureau before inspection.

The image shows two versions of the 'Contribuição Predial' (Property Tax) application forms. The top form is labeled 'M/4A' and the bottom one 'M/4'. Both forms are in Chinese and Portuguese. They contain sections for identifying the property, the tenant, and the landlord, as well as a section for declaring the use of the property. The forms are titled 'Contrato de arrendamento' (Lease Contract).

- The accommodation providers and the occupants are already familiar with each other before accommodation was started, and the occupants are granted free accommodation because of kinship, employment, education or other personal relationship.

Punishment Measures

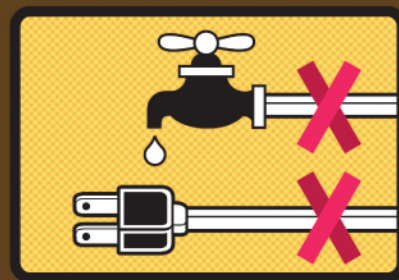
People providing illegal accommodation services, or taking control of the premises in any form or by any means, will face fines ranging from **MOP200,000 to MOP800,000** for the irregularities.

People canvassing others to stay at premises providing illegal accommodation will face fines ranging from **MOP20,000 to MOP100,000**.

Provisional Measures

Sealing: The doors of the suspected premises will be sealed. People who damage the seal could face a prison sentence of up to **2** years.

Cutting water and electricity supplies: The water and electricity supplies of the premises suspected of providing accommodation illegally will be cut. People who restore the water and electricity supplies without authorization could face a prison sentence of up to **2** years.



The duration of the provisional measures shall not exceed **6** months but this period may be extended.

The provisional measures will cease to have effect only if the following conditions are fulfilled simultaneously:

- Illegal accommodation has been terminated.
- Owners of the premises have already paid the fines.
- The Macau Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau has proved that there is no illegal construction work in the corresponding premises.

Cooperate Obligations

Owners

Owners of the premises providing illegal accommodation are under special cooperation obligations, which include:

- Contacting the Macau Government Tourist Office to assist with the investigation within **30 day** of receipts of the notice and to provide relevant information.
- Terminate the status of providing illegal accommodation in all possible ways (e.g. to terminate the lease agreement).

Fines ranging from **MOP20,000 to MOP100,000** will be charged for breaches.

Occupants

Occupants failing to cooperate with the Macau Government Tourist Office (e.g. in providing the check-in time, telling if any payment is made for accommodation and is it daily or monthly payment, providing information pertaining to the identities and contact details of the suspects) could face fines of **MOP3,000**.

Tenants, Property Agents and Premise Management Units

Tenants, property agents and premise management units failing to cooperate with the Macau Government Tourist Office (in providing relevant documents, providing information pertaining to the identities and contact details of the suspects and other information such as video recordings of the relevant buildings) could face fines ranging from **MOP3,000 to MOP20,000**.

