



GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA  
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## **A Guide for Reflective Glass**

### **Reflective glass and the Bermuda Image**

Bermuda has a unique architecture that is sensitive to the use of non-traditional building materials. In particular, its image can suffer from the use of reflective glass. The Development Applications Board is aware of the advantages of using reflective glass, for example, sun control, energy conservation, the provision of privacy and architectural effect. The Board believes that these advantages may occasionally outweigh the non-traditional appearance of reflective glass. The Board can support a controlled use of reflective glass.

### **What are the development guidelines for reflective glass?**

Applicants proposing to use reflective glass should be aware of the following policies:

- a) Reflective glass shall not be permitted within the Town of St. George Historic Protection Area or the Town of St. George Mixed Use zone as stated in policies HSC.8(b) and MXD.7(f) of the Bermuda Plan 2008.
- b) Reflective glass shall not be permitted within the Royal Naval Dockyard Historic Protection Area as stated in policy HSC.10(d) of the Bermuda Plan 2008.
- c) In the City of Hamilton, large areas of reflective glazing will not be permitted at street level, and the external appearance of all development must relate well to its context as referenced in policy 3.21 of the City of Hamilton Plan 2001.