

**Layer Naming for
Building Plan Area and Compartmentation Calculation**

Scope

This Practice Note serves to promulgate and standardize the format of layer names of CAD drawings for building plan area and compartmentation calculation.

Applicability

2. This Practice Note shall be applicable when CAD drawings for calculating building area and compartmentation are submitted to Architectural Services Department , Buildings Department or Lands Department.

Background

3. The use of CAD drawings in calculating and checking the building area and compartmentation is widely adopted in the architectural design and construction industries. Some Government Departments have developed plug-in programs in CAD software for automating the calculation and checking of building areas and compartmentation. Buildings Department has specified the format of layer naming of CAD drawings for area calculation in its Practice Note for Authorized Persons and Registered Engineers (PNAP) No. 272. To synchronize different practices and to ease the development of plug-in programs in CAD software, the CSWP Working Group considers that layer naming of CAD drawings for building area and compartmentation calculation has to be standardized within the framework of CSWP.

Effective Date

4. This Practice Note takes immediate effect.

Effect on Existing Practice Notes

5. This Practice Note has no effect on other CSWP Practice Notes.

Coding

6. The CSWP element codes "082", "083" and "086" shall be used for calculating the building area and compartmentation. The layer names of CAD drawing for calculating building area and compartmentation shall conform with the conventions stipulated in Appendix A.

Other Information

7. In case there are conflicting requirements of this Practice Note and the other parts of the CSWP , the latter should prevail.

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1. Building Plan Area Calculation

1.1 Layer Naming Convention

Layer Naming Convention			
ADA	082	3	0
			Field 3 - Addition/Deduction Type
			Field 2 - Building Plan Area Type (Sub-class)
			Field 2 - CSWP Element Code assigned for Building Plan Area Calculation (Class)
			Field 1 - Agent Responsible Code (ARC) e.g. ADA
Field	Description	Length/Type	Coding
1	Agent Responsible Code	3 (alphanumeric)	See www.etwb.gov.hk/cswp
2	CSWP Element Code assigned for Building Plan Area Calculation (Class)	3 (numeric)	a). 082 for ArchSD, BD & PlanDø area calculation, b). 086 for Lands Dø area calculation
	Building Plan Area Type (Sub-class)	1 (numeric)	See section 1.1.1
3	Addition/Deduction Type	1 (alphanumeric)	See section 1.1.2

1.1.1 Building Plan Area Type

Code	Building Plan Area Type
1	Site Coverage (SC) ó Non-Domestic
2	Site Coverage (SC) ó Domestic
3	Construction Floor Area (CFA) *
4	Gross Floor Area (GFA) ó Non-Domestic
5	Gross Floor Area (GFA) ó Domestic
6	Net Floor Area (NFA) *
7	Net Operating Floor Area (NOFA)
8	Usable Floor Space (UFS)
9	Usable Floor Area (UFA)
0	Open Space (OS)
–	Elements common to all area type

- * Note : For Arch SD Government projects only

1.1.2 Addition/Deduction Type

Code	Addition/Deduction Type	Remarks
0	Base Area	
1	Base Area Deduction	
2	Non-Accountable Area (Grouped)	
3	Exemption Area (Grouped)	For Non-Accountable area to be deducted from the outline of area layers under the ArchSD requirement.
4	Deduction Area (PNAP272)	For Exemption area to be deducted from the outline of area layers under the ArchSD requirement, for GFA Calculation only).
5	Deduction Area (PNAP272)	For area to be deducted from the outline of area layers under the Lands Department requirement.
6	Deduction Area (PNAP272)	For area to be deducted from the outline of area layers under the Planning Department requirement.
7	<i>Reserved for Program</i>	
8	Dimension	
9	Hatching	
A-Z	Non-Accountable Area or Exemption Area (In Detail)	<p><u>Submission for ArchSD :-</u></p> <p>a). A-M : Non-Accountable Area (In Detail) for ArchSD submission.</p> <p>b). N-T : Exemption Area (In Detail) for ArchSD's GFA Calculation only</p> <p>c). U : Exemption for better Lift Service PNAP 207 for ArchSD's GFA Calculation only</p> <p>d). V-Z : Reserved for future use.</p>

Examples of CSWP layer names for BD's non-domestic building area calculation corresponding to the respective layer names of PNAP 272 are given in Section 1.1.3.

Examples of CSWP layer names for Lands D's area calculation corresponding to the respective description are given in Section 1.1.4.

1.1.3 Examples of CSWP Layer Names for BD’s Non-domestic Building Area Calculation(ARC = “ADA”)

CSWP Layer Name	Description	Remarks
ADA08240	Non-domestic area Layer	For outline of non-domestic GFA layer. (same layer as ADA08640)
ADA08244	Non-domestic area to be deducted from area calculations	For non-domestic area to be deducted from the outline of area layers under the Buildings Ordinance.
ADA08246	Non-domestic area to be deducted from area calculations	For non-domestic area to be deducted from the outline of area layers under Planning Department requirements.
ADA08250	Domestic area Layer	For outline of domestic GFA layer. (same layer as ADA08650)
ADA08254	Domestic area to be deducted from area calculations	For domestic area to be deducted from the outline of Domestic area layers under the Buildings Ordinance.
ADA08256	Domestic area to be deducted from area calculations	For domestic area to be deducted from the outline of area layers under Planning Department requirements.
ADA082_8	Dimension layers	(same layer as ADA086_8)
ADA08210	Area for non-domestic site coverage calculations	For outline of non-domestic site coverage layer. (same layer as ADA08610)
ADA08214	Non-domestic site coverage deducted from calculations	Deduction complying with requirements of Buildings Department.
ADA08216	Non-domestic site coverage deducted from calculations	Deduction complying with requirements of Planning Department.
ADA08220	Area for domestic site coverage calculations	For outline of domestic site coverage layer. (same layer as ADA08620)
ADA08224	Domestic site coverage deducted from calculations	Deduction complying with requirements of Buildings Department.
ADA08226	Domestic site coverage deducted from calculations	Deduction complying with requirements of Planning Department.
ADA08200	Area for open space	For outline of open space layer. (same

	calculations	layer as ADA08600)
ADA08204	Area to be deducted for open space calculations	For area to be deducted from outline of the open space. (same layer as ADA08605)
ADA08290	Area for usable floor area calculations	For outline of usable floor area layer. (same layer as ADA08690)
ADA08294	Area to be deducted for the usable floor area calculations	For area to be deducted from outline of the usable floor area. (same layer as ADA08695)

1.1.4 Examples of CSWP Layer Names for Lands D's Area Calculation (ARC = "ADA")

1.1.4.1 Non-Domestic SC calculations

CSWP Layer Name	Description
ADA08610	Area for SC calculations. (same layer as ADA08210)
ADA08615	Area to be deducted from SC calculations.
ADA0861A	Green features under JPN Nos. 1 & 2.
ADA0861B	Curtain walling system
ADA0861C	Refuse chambers, E&M provisions, plant rooms for A/C or heating system, lift shaft area allowed under PNAP 207, etc.
ADA0861D	Private car parking spaces, loading and unloading spaces
ADA0861E-Z	Miscellaneous Deduction (reserve layers to cater for future needs. I and O not to be used)

1.1.4.2 Domestic SC calculations

CSWP Layer Name	Description
ADA08620	Area for SC calculations. (same layer as ADA08220)
ADA08625	Area to be deducted from SC calculations.
ADA0862A	Green features under JPN Nos. 1 & 2.
ADA0862B	Curtain walling system
ADA0862C	Caretakerø/watchmenø office
ADA0862D	Caretakerø/watchmenø quarters
ADA0862E	Recreational facilities
ADA0862F	Ownersøcorporation / ownersøcommittee office
ADA0862G	Refuse chambers, E&M provisions, plant rooms for A/C or heating system, lift shaft area allowed under PNAP 207, etc.
ADA0862H	Private car parking spaces, loading and unloading spaces
ADA0862J-Z	Miscellaneous Deduction (reserve layers to cater for future needs. I and O not to be used)

1.1.4.3 Non-Domestic GFA calculations

CSWP Layer Name	Description
ADA08640	Area for GFA calculations. (same layer as ADA08240)
ADA08645	Area to be deducted from GFA calculations.
ADA0864A	Green features under JPN Nos. 1 & 2.
ADA0864B	Curtain walling system
ADA0864C	Refuse chambers, E&M provisions, plant rooms for A/C or heating system, lift shaft area allowed under PNAP 207, etc.
ADA0864D	Private car parking spaces, loading and unloading spaces
ADA0864E	Covered walkways
ADA0864F	Mail Rooms / Nest Letter Boxes (only for commercial and industrial building)
ADA0864G	Residential Care Homes for the Elderly
ADA0864H	Government Accommodation
ADA0864J	Public transport terminus
ADA0864K	Hotel back of house facilities
ADA0864L-Z	Miscellaneous Deduction (reserve layers to cater for future needs. I and O not to be used)

1.1.4.4 Domestic GFA calculations

CSWP Layer Name	Description
ADA08650	Area for GFA calculations. (same layer as ADA08250)
ADA08655	Area to be deducted from GFA calculations.
ADA0865A	Green features under JPN Nos. 1 & 2.
ADA0865B	Curtain walling system
ADA0865C	Bay windows
ADA0865D	Caretakerø/watchmenø office
ADA0865E	Caretakerø/watchmenø quarters
ADA0865F	Recreational facilities
ADA0865G	Ownersøcorporation / ownersøcommittee office
ADA0865H	Refuse chambers, E&M provisions, plant rooms for A/C or heating system, lift shaft area allowed under PNAP 207, etc.
ADA0865J	Private car parking spaces, loading and unloading spaces
ADA0865K	Covered walkways
ADA0865L	Logistic service room (only for residential building)
ADA0865M	Residential Care Homes for the Elderly
ADA0865N-Z	Miscellaneous Deduction (reserve layers to cater for future needs. I and O not to be used)

1.1.4.5 NOFA calculations

CSWP Layer Name	Description
ADA08670	Area for NOFA calculations.
ADA08675	Area to be deducted from NOFA calculations.
ADA0867A-Z	Miscellaneous Deduction (reserve layers to cater for future needs. I and O not to be used)

1.1.4.6 UFA calculations

CSWP Layer Name	Description
ADA08690	Area for UFA calculations. (same layer as ADA08290)
ADA08695	Area to be deducted from UFA calculations. (same layer as ADA08294)
ADA0869A	Active Recreational Facilities under LAO PN 4/2000.
ADA0869B	Passive Recreational Facilities under LAO PN 4/2000.
ADA0869C-Z	Miscellaneous Deduction (reserve layers to cater for future needs. I and O not to be used)

1.1.4.7 Open Space calculations

CSWP Layer Name	Description
ADA08600	Area for Open Space calculations. (same layer as ADA08200)
ADA08605	Area to be deducted from Open Space calculations. (same layer as ADA08204)
ADA0860A-Z	Miscellaneous Deduction (reserve layers to cater for future needs. I and O not to be used)

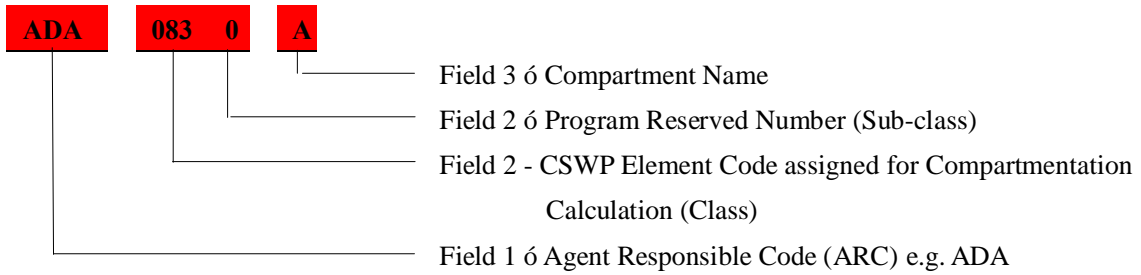
1.1.4.8 Dimension

CSWP Layer Name	Description
ADA086_8	Dimension layers.

2.0 Compartmentation Calculation

2.1 Layer Naming Convention

Layer Naming Convention



Field	Description	Length/Type	Coding
1	Agent Responsible Code	3 (alphanumeric)	See www.etwb.gov.hk/cswp
2	CSWP Element Code Reserved for Compartmentation Calculation (Class)	3 (numeric)	083
	Program Reserved Number (Sub-class)	1 (numeric)	See section 2.1.1
3	Compartment Name	1 (alphanumeric)	See section 2.1.2

2.1.1 Program Reserved Number

Program Reserved Field	Code
Indicate Compartment Layer	0
Indicate Hatching Layer (Generated by Program)	9
<i>Reserved for Program</i>	1-8

2.1.2 Compartment Name

Compartment Name	Code
Compartment A ó R	A - R
Special Compartment S - X	S ó X
<i>Reserved for Program</i>	0-9