

## **CAD's Personnel Licensing Office continues to provide counter services and resumes licensing examinations**

The Civil Aviation Department (CAD) announced today (May 2) that the Personnel Licensing Office (PELO) will continue to provide counter services from next Monday (May 4) and resume relevant licensing examinations.

The opening hours of the PELO are 8.45am to 12.45pm and 1.45pm to 5pm, Mondays to Fridays.

In light of the need for epidemic control, the PELO will continue to implement social distancing and infection control measures.

For enquiries, please contact the CAD through email ([enquiry@cad.gov.hk](mailto:enquiry@cad.gov.hk)) or PELO enquiry hotline (2910 6046).

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## **CHP announces no new local confirmed cases of COVID-19 today**

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health has announced that as of 4pm today (May 2), no new local confirmed cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) have been recorded, and that the number of cases in Hong Kong remains at 1 040 so far (comprising 1 039 confirmed cases and one probable case).

The CHP again urged members of the public to maintain an appropriate social distance with other people as far as possible in their daily lives to minimise the risk of infection. In particular, they should go out less and avoid social activities such as meal gatherings or other gatherings to reduce the chance of contacting infected persons who may not present any symptoms, and minimise the risk of outbreak clusters emerging in the community.

A spokesman for the CHP said, "Given that the situation of the COVID-19 infection remains severe and that there is a continuous increase in the number of cases reported around the world, members of the public are strongly urged to avoid all non-essential travel outside Hong Kong.

"The CHP also strongly urges the public to maintain at all times strict personal and environmental hygiene, which is key to personal protection against infection and prevention of the spread of the disease in the

community. On a personal level, members of the public should wear a surgical mask when having respiratory symptoms, taking public transport or staying in crowded places. They should also perform hand hygiene frequently, especially before touching the mouth, nose or eyes.

"As for household environmental hygiene, members of the public are advised to maintain drainage pipes properly, regularly pour water into drain outlets (U-traps) and cover all floor drain outlets when they are not in use. After using the toilet, they should put the toilet lid down before flushing to avoid spreading germs."

The CHP has set up hotlines (2125 1111 and 2125 1122), which operate from 8am to midnight daily, for public enquiries. As at 3pm today, a total of 102 805 calls had been received.

Moreover, the Government has launched the website "COVID-19 Thematic Website" ([www.coronavirus.gov.hk](http://www.coronavirus.gov.hk)) for announcing the latest updates on various news on the COVID-19 infection and health advice to help the public understand the latest updates.

To prevent pneumonia and respiratory tract infection, members of the public should always maintain good personal and environmental hygiene. They are advised to:

- Wear a surgical mask when taking public transport or staying in crowded places. It is important to wear a mask properly, including performing hand hygiene before wearing and after removing a mask;
- Perform hand hygiene frequently, especially before touching the mouth, nose or eyes, after touching public installations such as handrails or door knobs, or when hands are contaminated by respiratory secretions after coughing or sneezing;
- Maintain drainage pipes properly and regularly (about once a week) pour about half a litre of water into each drain outlet (U-trap) to ensure environmental hygiene;
- Cover all floor drain outlets when they are not in use;
- After using the toilet, put the toilet lid down before flushing to avoid spreading germs;
- Wash hands with liquid soap and water, and rub for at least 20 seconds. Then rinse with water and dry with a disposable paper towel. If hand washing facilities are not available, or when hands are not visibly soiled, performing hand hygiene with 70 to 80 per cent alcohol-based handrub is an effective alternative;
- Cover your mouth and nose with tissue paper when sneezing or coughing. Dispose of soiled tissues into a lidded rubbish bin, then wash hands thoroughly; and
- When having respiratory symptoms, wear a surgical mask, refrain from work or attending class at school, avoid going to crowded places and seek medical advice promptly.

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## Latest arrangements on services of Public Records Office of Government Records Service

The Government Records Service (GRS) announced today (May 2) that, in view of the latest situation of COVID-19, effective from May 4, 2020, its Public Records Office (PRO) will provide Search Room services (including onsite loan and circulation services) from Mondays to Fridays, 9.00am to 5.45pm (excluding public holidays), for members of the public who have made reservations through the Online Catalogue ([search.grs.gov.hk/en/index.xhtml](http://search.grs.gov.hk/en/index.xhtml)).

In addition, the PRO will resume Search Room services on Saturdays from 9.00am to 1.00pm (excluding public holidays) for members of the public for inspecting holdings which have been reserved through the Online Catalogue.

Requests for Search Room services by up to 15 users will be accepted for each open day on a first-come, first-served basis. Users will be notified of the reservation results by email. Details of the arrangements are accessible at the GRS website.

As part of the infection control measures, while cleaning of public facilities in the Hong Kong Public Records Building will be enhanced continuously, any person entering the Hong Kong Public Records Building will undergo an on-the-spot body temperature check arranged by the GRS. Anyone whose body temperature is higher than the prescribed level or who refuses to undergo a body temperature check will not be allowed to enter the Building.

Moreover, visitor and public education programmes will continue to be suspended and the Exhibition Hall of the Hong Kong Public Records Building will be temporarily closed for the preparation of the new thematic exhibition until further notice.

The GRS will continue to monitor the situation closely and review the arrangements in a timely manner. Members of the public are advised to visit the GRS website ([www.grs.gov.hk](http://www.grs.gov.hk)) for the latest updates. For enquiries, please call 2195 7700 during the Public Records Office's opening hours or email at [proinfo@grs.gov.hk](mailto:proinfo@grs.gov.hk).