

LegCo to continue Second Reading debate on Appropriation Bill 2020

The following is issued on behalf of the Legislative Council Secretariat:

The Legislative Council (LegCo) will hold a meeting tomorrow (April 29) at 11am in the Chamber of the LegCo Complex. During the meeting, Members will continue the Second Reading debate on the Appropriation Bill 2020 and Government officials will speak on the Bill.

If the Bill is supported by Members and receives its Second Reading, it will stand committed to the committee of the whole Council, during which Mr Wu Chi-wai, Ms Claudia Mo, Mr Lam Cheuk-ting, Mr Chan Chi-chuen, Mr Kwong Chun-yu, Mr Alvin Yeung, Mr Dennis Kwok, Mr Chu Hoi-dick, Dr Fernando Cheung, Mr James To, Ms Tanya Chan, Mr Andrew Wan, Dr Helena Wong, Dr Kwok Ka-ki, Mr Jeremy Tam and Mr Hui Chi-fung will move a total of 52 amendments. Details of the amendments are set out in Appendix.

Meanwhile, Members will also ask the Government 20 questions on various policy areas, all of which require written replies.

The agenda of the above meeting can be obtained via the LegCo Website (www.legco.gov.hk). Members of the public can watch or listen to the meeting via the "Webcast" system on the LegCo Website. To observe the proceedings of the meeting at the LegCo Complex, members of the public may call 3919 3399 during office hours to reserve seats.

Effective Exchange Rate Index

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 is 108.7 (up 0.1 against yesterday's index).

Swift and convenient "Easy Form Filling for Public Rental Housing

Application" (with photos)

The following is issued on behalf of the Hong Kong Housing Authority:

The Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) will launch tomorrow (April 29) an online service for filling in public rental housing (PRH) applications. The "Easy Form Filling for PRH Application" will provide a more convenient and time saving way for completing PRH applications than the manual filling in of the application form.

"This online e-form filling-in service enables PRH applicants to complete application forms more accurately and quickly. The form filling 'wizard' will help applicants fill in accurate information and make timely amendments," a spokesman for the HA said.

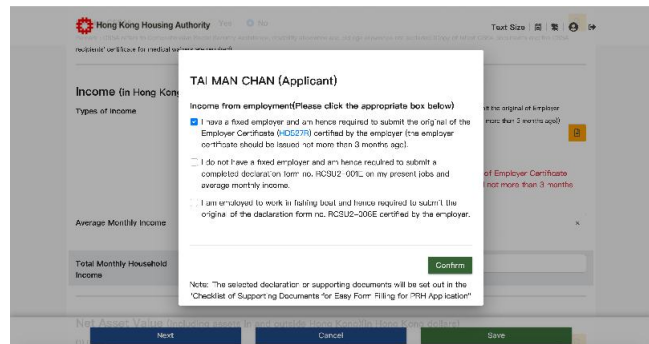
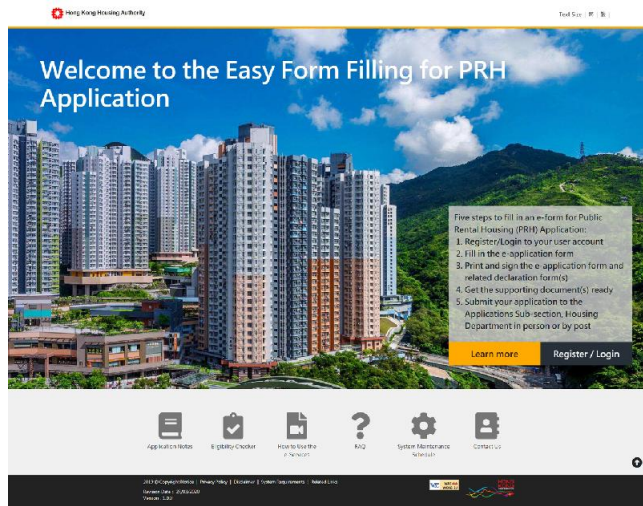
"Applicants can save time in searching the Application Guide manually, calling the Public Rental Housing Application Office or visiting the office in person with enquiries on how to fill in the form," the spokesman said.

Moreover, the "Easy Form Filling for PRH Application" system will provide a checklist of supporting documents and declaration forms required for the PRH application to enable applicants to make them ready in one go.

The spokesman reminded applicants that they must print out and sign the completed e-application forms before submitting them together with the signed declaration forms and supporting documents as required by mail or in person to the Housing Department's Applications Sub-section at the specified time, otherwise the application will not be validated and will not take effect.

Applicants will be notified of the progress of the applications via registered email. They may also check the application status in the "Easy Form Filling for PRH Application" system at any time.

Members of the public who wish to access the "Easy Form Filling for PRH Application" system from tomorrow may register a user account on the HA/Housing Department website. A video demonstrating the use of the system is available on the HA/Housing Department website: www.housingauthority.gov.hk.



Latest arrangements on Transport Department's services

To align with the announcement by the Government that public services will resume under a phased approach from May 4, the Transport Department (TD) said today (April 28) the latest arrangements of the TD's services for the public as follows:

Driving test and related services

Driving test (road test) services will be resumed on May 4. Candidates who have been scheduled to take a road test on or after that day should attend the test according to the test date, time and the driving test centre specified in the driving test appointment letter. Candidates affected by the suspension of the driving test centres will be notified individually by post of their rescheduled test dates.

Driving test (written test Part A) and taxi written test services are planned to resume on May 26. Candidates affected by the suspension of the written test services will be rescheduled to take the tests from May 26 and thereafter and will be notified individually by post of their rescheduled test dates.

Per anti-epidemic measures to reduce the risk of the spread of the virus, all candidates participating in the driving test (including road test and written test) must wear surgical masks inside the test centres and throughout the test, clean their hands with alcohol sanitisers before entering the centre office, and must undergo body temperature screening arranged by the TD. If a candidate does not wear a surgical mask, refuses to undergo a body temperature screening, or whose body temperature is higher

than 37.5 degrees Celsius, the candidate will not be allowed to enter the test venue and the test will be rescheduled. In order to improve air circulation inside the vehicle compartment, the Driving Examiners of the TD may open the vehicle windows during the road test.

The TD urges candidates not to attend a driving test if they are unwell, and advises that they should consult a doctor promptly. For applicants who are absent from a driving test on medical grounds, they may submit their postponement applications with the original sick leave certificate/medical certificate to the Driving Test Appointment Office of the TD within one month from the test date for the rescheduling of the test date.

Candidates who would like to apply for a postponement/temporary cancellation of a driving test appointment or change of driving test region may submit the original of the signed application letter, a copy of identification document and the original driving test appointment letter via the drop-in box placed at the Kowloon Licensing Office or by post to the Driving Test Appointment Office (Address: Transport Department, 2/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon).

Application of driving test appointment services for fresh candidates and repeaters (including walk-in counter service, online booking service for driving test appointments and telephone booking service for repeater early test appointments) will continue to be suspended until further notice. For enquiries, please contact the Driving Test Appointment Office at 2771 7723.

Vehicle examination services

The TD's Vehicle Examination Centres will resume full vehicle examination services on May 4.

Licensing and related services

The TD's Licensing Offices, Public Vehicles Unit, Cross Boundary Unit, Vehicle Records Office, Driving Licence Records Office and Driving Offence Points Office will continue to process applications submitted by applicants with scheduled appointments, via the drop-in boxes, by post or online (except for the direct issue of a full Hong Kong driving licence). Members of the public may submit applications via the drop-in boxes placed at the offices concerned between 9am and 5pm from Monday to Friday (except Public Holidays). Applicants who have made an appointment online for renewal of a full driving licence/vehicle licence, an application for transfer of ownership of a vehicle or an application for an international driving permit can visit the Licensing Office concerned at the scheduled time. As a continued measure of maintaining social distancing to reduce the risk of spreading the virus, the offices concerned will continue to suspend walk-in counter services.

The TD will continue to closely monitor the development of the epidemic situation and align with the Government's anti-epidemic measures and

arrangements. Normal arrangements for licensing and related services will be resumed in full only when public health conditions permit. Should there be any adjustment to the services in the interim, we will notify the public in due course. To avoid unnecessary delays, the TD appeals to the public to submit licence renewal applications two to three weeks before the expiry dates. Besides, to facilitate timely processing of the application, members of the public should ensure that the respective application form is duly completed and all necessary supporting documents and a crossed cheque with the correct amount of the payable fee are attached with the submission.

For enquiries, members of the public can contact the offices concerned of the TD at the following numbers:

Hong Kong Licensing Office	2804 2636
Kowloon Licensing Office	2150 7728
Kwun Tong Licensing Office	2775 6835
Sha Tin Licensing Office	2606 1468
Public Vehicles Unit	2804 2574
Driving Licence Records Office	2804 2596
Driving Offence Points Office	2804 2594
Cross Boundary Unit	2543 2114
To Kwa Wan Vehicle Examination Centre	2364 7211 / 2333 3112
Sheung Kwai Chung Vehicle Examination Centre	2424 5215
Kowloon Bay Vehicle Examination Centre	2759 7036
New Kowloon Bay Vehicle Examination Centre	2751 8862

[Secretary for Home Affairs visits Hong Kong Central Library and Causeway Bay Sports Ground](#)

â€‹The Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Caspar Tsui, visited the Hong Kong Central Library and Causeway Bay Sports Ground today (April 28). Accompanied by the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (LCSD), Mr Vincent Liu, Mr Tsui inspected the preparation work for the reopening of the LCSD facilities.

Mr Tsui learned that the LCSD would step up anti-epidemic efforts, such as enhancing cleaning measures, providing hand sanitisers, measuring body temperatures of visitors at the Hong Kong Central Library, limiting the number of visitors and providing anti-epidemic equipment to frontline staff to protect the health of the public and staff as well as reducing the risk of the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Mr Tsui said various sectors should remain vigilant in view of the unpredictable developments of the epidemic. While some LCSD facilities will reopen, members of the public should adopt sufficient precautionary measures when using the facilities. He thanked the LCSD staff for sparing no effort during the past few months, and for their timely arrangements regarding the facilities.