

Registration for Travel Agents Subsidy Scheme to end on March 13

Registration for the Travel Agents Subsidy Scheme established under the Government's Anti-epidemic Fund will end on Friday (March 13). Eligible travel agents wishing to apply for a one-off subsidy of \$80,000 should submit their applications to the Travel Agents Registry (TAR) as soon as possible.

At present, there are more than 1 700 licensed travel agents in Hong Kong. Since the commencement of registration on February 21, so far the TAR has received more than 1 500 registrations. The registered licensed travel agents account for about 90 per cent of the total, among which about 150 travel agents have received payment.

The Government announced the establishment of the scheme on February 14, 2020. All travel agents holding a valid travel agent licence as at February 14 are eligible for registration. The registration form and guideline can be downloaded from the website of the TAR (www.tar.gov.hk) or obtained from its office (Address: Room 4901, 49/F, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong).

The registration procedure is simple and convenient. Travel agents can submit the completed registration forms together with documentary proof of their bank accounts to the TAR by post (the postmark date will be regarded as the date of receipt) or in person on or before March 13. If they file the registration forms and supporting documents via fax or email, they will be required to submit the original registration forms afterwards. The Government will verify the original registration forms upon receipt. In general, after receiving the completed registration form and the required supporting document, it is estimated that the disbursement of subsidies could be arranged in about 14 working days.