

Return of requisition forms urged

Payers of rates and/or Government rent who have received the requisition form (Form R1A) issued by the Rating and Valuation Department (RVD) are reminded to complete and return the form to the RVD as soon as possible. They can complete and submit an electronic form (Form e-R1A) by using the [Electronic Submission of Forms](#) service provided on the RVD website (www.rvd.gov.hk). The RVD website also provides [answers to commonly asked questions](#) on completing the form.

The RVD issued about 350 000 R1A forms to payers of rates and/or Government rent in August to obtain occupation particulars, rents and tenancy details for different types of properties for assessing rateable values for the next general revaluation.

Irrespective of whether properties are vacant, let or owner-occupied, payers of rates and/or Government rent should complete and return the form within the specified period. Anyone who has difficulty in completing and returning the form within the specified period must apply to the RVD in writing for an extension of time before the end of the stipulated period and should state their reasons.

Under the Rating Ordinance and the Government Rent (Assessment and Collection) Ordinance, any person who knowingly makes a false statement or refuses to furnish any of the particulars specified in the form commits an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a maximum fine of \$25,000 or \$10,000 respectively and an additional fine equivalent to three times the amount of rates and/or Government rent undercharged.

Payers of rates and/or Government rent are reminded to affix sufficient postage if they return the form by post to ensure a timely and successful postal delivery.

Tenders invited for Relocation of Sha Tin Sewage Treatment Works to Caverns – Electrical and Mechanical Works for Sewage Treatment Facilities and Associated Works

The Drainage Services Department (DSD) today (September 13) gazetted a notice to invite tenders for the contract for Relocation of Sha Tin Sewage

Treatment Works to Caverns – Electrical and Mechanical Works for Sewage Treatment Facilities and Associated Works (Contract No. DE/2024/10). The closing time for the tender is noon on November 22.

The works mainly include:

- * design, supply and installation of sewage and sludge treatment facilities of the relocated Sha Tin Sewage Treatment Works in caverns (Cavern STSTW);
- * design, supply and installation of buildings services and other electrical and mechanical installations of the Cavern STSTW;
- * testing and commissioning of the Cavern STSTW; and
- * other related works.

The works are scheduled to commence in January 2025 and will take about 60 months to complete.

The DSD has commissioned AECOM Asia Company Limited to design and supervise the works. Interested contractors can download the tender forms and other particulars from the e-Tendering System (e-TS). Tenderers must submit their tenders in electronic format via the e-TS.

Details of the tender notice are available on the DSD website (www.dsd.gov.hk/EN/Tender_Notices/Current_Tenders/index.html). For enquiries, please contact AECOM Asia Company Limited (tel: 3922 9000; fax: 3922 9797; email address: desmond.ng@aecom.com).

Missing girl in Kwai Chung located

A girl who went missing in Kwai Chung has been located.

Chau Lok-yiu, aged 14, went missing after she left her residence in Kwai Shing East Estate on March 14 night. Her family member made a report to Police on the same day.

The girl turned up at Kwai Chung Police Station to cancel the missing person report yesterday (September 12).

CHP reminds public on precautions against heat stroke during very hot

weather

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH) today (September 13) reminded members of the public, particularly those undertaking outdoor activities, to take heed of necessary measures against heat stroke and sunburn in very hot weather.

"The public should carry and drink plenty of water to prevent dehydration while engaging in outdoor activities," a spokesman for the CHP said.

"Those engaged in strenuous outdoor activities should avoid beverages containing caffeine, such as coffee and tea, as well as alcohol, as they speed up water loss through the urinary system," the spokesman explained.

"Infants and children, the elderly, pregnant women, those with chronic illnesses such as heart disease or high blood pressure, outdoor/manual workers, and individuals who are overweight are more vulnerable to heat stroke. They should pay special attention," the spokesman added.

The public should adopt the following precautions:

- Wear loose and light-coloured clothing to reduce heat absorption and facilitate sweat evaporation and heat dissipation;
- Avoid vigorous exercise and prolonged activities like hiking or trekking as heat, sweating and exhaustion can place additional demands on the physique;
- Perform outdoor activities in the morning or the late afternoon, if possible;
- For indoor activities, open all windows, use a fan or use air-conditioning to maintain good ventilation;
- Do not stay inside a parked vehicle; and
- Reschedule work to cooler times of the day if feasible. If working in a hot environment is inevitable, introduce shade in the workplace where practicable. Start work slowly and pick up the pace gradually. Move to a cool area for rest at regular intervals to allow the body to recuperate.

â€‹The public should also note the latest and the forecast Ultraviolet (UV) Index released by the Hong Kong Observatory (HKO). When the UV Index is high (6 or above):

- Minimise direct exposure of the skin and the eyes to sunlight;
- Wear long-sleeved and loose-fitting clothes;
- Wear a wide-brimmed hat or use an umbrella;
- Seek a shaded area or put on UV-blocking sunglasses;
- Apply a broad-spectrum sunscreen lotion with a minimum sun protection factor (SPF) of 15, preferably higher. Reapply every two hours if you

- stay out in the sun, and after swimming, sweating or towelling off; and
- While using DEET-containing insect repellents for personal protection against mosquito-borne diseases, apply sunscreen first, then insect repellent.

â€œIf symptoms develop, such as dizziness, headache, nausea, shortness of breath or confusion, rest and seek help immediately, and seek medical advice as soon as possible.

â€œThe public may obtain more information from the DH's Health Education Infoline (2833 0111), [heat stroke](#) page and [UV radiation](#) page; the HKO's Dial-a-Weather (1878 200), latest [weather report and forecast](#), [UV Index](#) and weather information for [hiking and mountaineering](#); and [press releases](#) of the Labour Department on precautions against heat stroke for outdoor workers and their employers when the Very Hot Weather Warning is in force.

Very Hot Weather Warning issued

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

The Hong Kong Observatory has issued the Very Hot Weather Warning.

To prevent heat stroke, avoid prolonged activities outdoors.

If engaged in outdoor work or activities, wear a wide-brimmed hat and light-coloured, loose-fitting clothes. Stay in shaded areas as much as possible.

Drink plenty of water, and avoid beverages containing caffeine or alcohol.

If you feel sick, consult a doctor right away.