

Amusement Game Centres Subsidy Scheme and Mahjong/Tin Kau Licence Holder Subsidy Scheme open for application

Fresh rounds of the Amusement Game Centres (AGCs) Subsidy Scheme and the Mahjong/Tin Kau (MJ/TK) Licence Holder Subsidy Scheme under the Anti-epidemic Fund are open for application starting from today (December 30). The AGCs Subsidy Scheme provides a one-off subsidy of \$100,000 to each of the eligible operators of AGCs licensed under the Amusement Game Centres Ordinance (Cap. 435), eligible operators of e-sports venues that have been duly exempted (or have applied for but not yet obtained exemption) from the same ordinance and eligible operators of internet computer services centres registered with the Office of the Licensing Authority (OLA) of the Home Affairs Department. On the other hand, the MJ/TK Licence Holder Subsidy Scheme provides a one-off subsidy of \$100,000 to each eligible holder of an MJ/TK licence issued under the Gambling Ordinance (Cap. 148). The two subsidy schemes aim to provide immediate financial relief to licence holders or persons-in-charge of the premises concerned whose businesses have been ordered to close since early December 2020 under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F).

The application forms and guides to application for the two subsidy schemes can be downloaded from the website of the OLA (www.hadla.gov.hk) or obtained from the office of the OLA. Eligible licence holders or persons-in-charge of the premises should submit their applications to the OLA. The deadline for application is January 30, 2021. Upon receipt of completed application forms and the required supporting documents, the disbursement of subsidies could generally be made in around two weeks.

The address of the OLA is Rooms 2503-05, 25/F, AIA Tower, 183 Electric Road, North Point, Hong Kong. For details, please contact the OLA at 2116 5230 (AGCs Subsidy Scheme) or 2117 2977 (MJ/TK Licence Holder Subsidy Scheme), or visit the website of the OLA.