

# Applications for Dishware Washing Trade Subsidy Scheme under Anti-epidemic Fund opens today

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) announced that applications for the Dishware Washing Trade Subsidy Scheme under the Anti-epidemic Fund opens today (June 24) to provide relief assistance to the dishware washing trade hard hit by the COVID-19 epidemic.

An FEHD spokesman said, "The Anti-epidemic Fund Steering Committee endorsed a proposal to provide a one-off subsidy to the dishware washing trade. Under the scheme, each eligible dishware washing operator in operation will be provided with a one-off subsidy of \$80,000 or \$150,000 according to its average monthly water consumption."

An applicant for the scheme is required to fulfil relevant criteria, including:

1. the dishware washing premises concerned holds a valid Business Registration Certificate or documentation for the Section 88 documentation (for organisations exempted from tax under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112)) on the date of submission of the application;
2. the dishware washing premises concerned is equipped with commercial automated dishwashing machine(s) on or before March 31, 2020;
3. carries on a dishware washing business and provides dishware washing services to food business customers with support of relevant documents;
4. can provide water bills of the related business;
5. the dishwashing business is in operation on the date of submission of the application and on the date of approval of the application; and
6. has not received any subsidy under the Food Licence Holders Subsidy Scheme or the Relief Grants for Providers of Catering Services for Schools and Post-secondary Education Institutions and Providers of Interest Group and School Bus Services for Schools or the Retail Sector Subsidy Scheme or the Club-house Subsidy Scheme.

Eligible applicants should submit their applications online through the FEHD website ([www.fehd.gov.hk](http://www.fehd.gov.hk)) starting from today. The deadline for application is July 15. Upon receipt of the completed application form and supporting documents, and after verification, the FEHD will generally disburse the subsidies in approximately two to three weeks by crossed cheques to the corresponding dishware washing premises.

For details of the scheme, please visit the website of the FEHD or contact the Hygiene Section of the Environmental Hygiene Branch of FEHD at 2867 5748.