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#### Prices

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He added that since the saleable areas of individual flats under HOS 2022 are yet to be finalised, the discount rate and the average selling prices as approved today are only provisional figures. "The saleable areas of individual flats for developments under HOS 2022 will be finalised tentatively in the first half of 2022. In the event that the discount rate based on the finalised saleable areas is higher than that of the provisional discount rate, the higher discount rate will be adopted. If the discount rate based on the finalised saleable areas is lower than that of the provisional discount, the discount rate will not be adjusted downwards to avoid an increase of the average selling prices," the spokesman said.

#### 3) Recovered TPS Flats

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TPS flats to Green Formers. As at November 2021, the list prices of the unsold TPS flats range from about \$140,000 to \$1.26 million, and the discounts range from 83 per cent to 87 per cent of assessed market values. The final price range will depend on the recovered TPS flats that will be put up for sale under HOS 2022," the spokesman said.

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##### Allocation Ratio and Quota

As there has been no significant change in the proportion between GF and WF applicants, and taking into account the fact that there will be 4 693 new GSH flats for sale under GSH 2022, the SHC decided to maintain the ratio of the allocation quota between GF and WF applicants at 4:6 for HOS 2022. Following established practice, the flexibility to reallocate any remaining quota from the GF queue to the WF queue and vice versa will be maintained.

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Doll houses and virtual videos of typical flats and building models/artists' impressions on the new HOS developments, exhibition panels and other information on the HOS developments and TPS estates, as well as photos of the interior of samples of recovered TPS flats, will be provided at the HA Customer Service Centre at Lok Fu and on the HA/Housing Department's designated websites starting seven days before the commencement and up to the end of the application period. At the same time, sales booklets for new HOS flats (and sales leaflets for rescinded HOS flats and recovered TPS flats) providing details of sales arrangements and basic information of the developments/estates will also be made available to the public.

Sales brochures for new and rescinded HOS flats (and sales pamphlets for recovered TPS flats) covering greater details of the developments/estates and price lists will be available for public collection and viewing on the HA/HD's designated websites starting seven days before the commencement of the flat selection period. During the flat selection period, photos and video clips of the interiors of all the recovered TPS flats for sale will be provided at the HA Customer Service Centre at Lok Fu and on the HA/HD's designated websites.

### Online Application

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HOS 2022 under which GF applicants of HOS 2022 may opt to participate in the next SSF exercise without having to submit a separate application and pay the application fee for that next SSF exercise," the spokesman said.

## WSM 2022

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## WF Income and Asset Limits for HOS 2022 and WSM 2022

At today's meeting, the SHC also reviewed the WF income and asset limits for HOS 2022 and WSM 2022 according to the established mechanism, and endorsed the WF income and asset limits at \$66,000 per month and \$1.85 million respectively. According to the established practice, the income and asset limits for WF one-person applicants will be set at half of the limits for family applicants, at \$33,000 per month and \$925,000 respectively.

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## **Government makes “restriction-testing declaration” and issues compulsory testing notice in respect of specified “restricted area” in Tai Po**

The Government today (January 6) exercised the power under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) Regulation (Cap. 599J) to make a "restriction-testing declaration" (declaration) effective from 8pm, under which people (hereafter referred to as "persons subject to compulsory testing") within the specified "restricted area" in Tai Po (i.e. Mei Sun Building, 4-20 Kau Hui Chik Street, Tai Po, excluding the shops at G/F and residential care home for the elderly at 1/F to 3/F at Mei Sun Building. See Annex) are required to stay in their premises and undergo compulsory testing. Persons subject to compulsory testing are required to stay in their premises until all such persons identified in the "restricted area" have undergone testing and the test results are mostly ascertained. The Government aims at finishing this exercise at about 7am tomorrow (January 7).

A Government spokesman said, "Under Cap. 599J, the Government can, according to the needs of infection control, make a 'restriction-testing declaration'. As a preliminary tested positive case who has lived in the abovementioned building was detected today, and the preliminary test result involved a mutant strain, the risk of infection in the relevant area is assessed to be likely higher, so the Government decided to make a 'restriction-testing declaration' for the relevant area after the test result was found to be positive."

The Government will set up temporary specimen collection stations at the "restricted area" and request persons subject to compulsory testing to undergo testing before 12am tomorrow. Arrangements will be made for persons subject to compulsory testing to undergo a nucleic acid test at specimen collection stations where dedicated staff will collect samples through combined nasal and throat swabs. Persons subject to compulsory testing must

stay at their place of residence until all test results are ascertained to avoid cross-infection risk. The Government will arrange for door-to-door specimen collection for people with impaired mobility and elderly persons.

The Government spokesman said, "We understand that this exercise will cause inconvenience to the public. The Government has made arrangements to carry out testing for all persons present in the 'restricted area' as soon as possible. The aim is to strive to complete testing of all identified persons subject to compulsory testing and confirm the results, and finish the exercise at around 7am tomorrow. The Government will make a public announcement when the declaration expires officially. In the cases in which employees are unable to go to work because of the declaration, the Government hopes their employers can exercise discretion and not deduct the salaries or benefits of the employees."

If staying in the "restricted area" will cause unreasonable hardship to individuals who are not residents in the area when the declaration takes effect, government officers may exercise discretion and allow that person to leave the area after considering the individual circumstances. That person must have followed the instructions to undergo testing and leave his/her personal information for contact purposes.

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The Home Affairs Department has set up a hotline (Tel: 2835 1473) which starts operation at 8pm today for residents restricted by the declaration to make enquiries and seek assistance. The Social Welfare Department will also provide assistance to the affected persons.

The Government appeals to persons subject to compulsory testing for their full co-operation by registering and undergoing testing, and waiting for the results patiently at home. The Government will strictly follow up on whether the persons concerned have complied with the compulsory testing notices and "restriction-testing declaration". Any person who fails to comply

with the compulsory testing notices commits an offence and may be fined a fixed penalty of \$5,000. The person would also be issued with a compulsory testing order requiring him or her to undergo testing within a specified time frame. Failure to comply with the compulsory testing order or the "restriction-testing declaration" is an offence and the offender would be liable to a fine at level 4 (\$25,000) and imprisonment for six months.

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## Yuen Long Swimming Pool temporarily closed

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible and repeat it at regular intervals:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (January 6) that Yuen Long Swimming Pool in Yuen Long District has been temporarily closed for cleaning and superchlorination following the discovery of a small amount of vomit in the pool.

The department appeals to swimmers to be considerate and to keep the swimming pools clean. They are advised not to swim after a full meal and should use the toilet facilities if necessary before swimming.