

Extension of e-Appointment services to self-bankruptcy petitions and probate applications in High Court

The following is issued on behalf of the Judiciary:

The Judiciary today (November 26) announced that the existing e-Appointment services will be extended to self-bankruptcy petitions and probate applications in the High Court on Friday (November 29).

Self-bankruptcy petitions in High Court Registry

Unrepresented court users can make online appointments via www.judiciary.hk/en/court_services_facilities/brci_index.html for attending the High Court Registry to file petitions for their own bankruptcy (self-bankruptcy petitions). Those who are registered users of "iAM Smart" may use the auto form-filling function of "iAM Smart" to provide relevant personal data for making online appointments. This will be a newly introduced function in e-Appointment services. It will gradually be included in other e-Appointment services in light of operational experience.

Applications for grant in Probate Registry

The Probate Registry e-Appointment service for applications for grant will be extended to cover probate applications. Unrepresented litigants can make online appointments via www.judiciary.hk/en/court_services_facilities/pres_index.html for submitting applications for a grant with a will.

The Guidance Notes with details of the above new e-Appointment services are available on the corresponding dedicated webpages above.

The e-Appointment services introduced earlier in other registries and offices, namely the Apostille Service Office of the High Court Registry, the Appeals Registry at the Clerk of Court's Office of the High Court, the Family Court Registry, the Integrated Mediation Office, the Labour Tribunal Registry, and the Lands Tribunal Registry, have generally been well received so far. The services have saved court users' time by reducing the need to queue. Details are available at www.judiciary.hk/en/court_services_facilities/es_index.html.