

## [Fitness Centre Subsidy Scheme under Sixth Round of Anti-epidemic Fund to open for applications on February 22](#)

The Fitness Centre Subsidy Scheme launched under the sixth round of the Anti-epidemic Fund (AEF) will open for applications on February 22. The Scheme aims to provide a one-off subsidy to each fitness centre with a view to easing their cash flow pressure and alleviating their financial burden arising from their closure starting from January 7 as directed under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F) (the Regulation). The subsidy will be granted to each eligible fitness according to its area as set out below:

Area of premises	Level of subsidy
500 square metres or below	\$100,000
over 500 square metres	\$200,000

The deadline for application is March 21. Applicants who have received subsidies under the third or fourth rounds of AEF and have submitted applications for the fifth round of AEF are only required to submit the application forms without any supporting documents for this round of application. For those fitness centres over 500 square metres, they are required to submit a copy of the proof of area of their premises together with the application forms.

Applications will be processed during the application period and will be assessed on the basis of all the information provided. To avoid delays in processing, applicants should ensure the accuracy of the information submitted.

The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) has commissioned the Physical Fitness Association of Hong Kong, China to assist in the implementation of the Scheme. For enquiries concerning the Scheme and the application procedure, please call 2389 3538 or send an email to [subsidy6.0@hkpfa.org.hk](mailto:subsidy6.0@hkpfa.org.hk). The application form and guidelines can be downloaded from the website of the HAB ([www.hab.gov.hk/en/policy\\_responsibilities/fitness/aefv6.htm](http://www.hab.gov.hk/en/policy_responsibilities/fitness/aefv6.htm)).

According to the Regulation and the Application Guidelines of the Scheme, eligible fitness centres must possess a fixed address and an individually operated premises in Hong Kong where its principal and substantive business is to provide exercise machines or equipment in the premises for use, and/or to give advice and instruction on, training for or assistance in improving physical fitness, including bodybuilding, dancing, yoga, pilates, body stretching and martial arts.