

## [Fitness Centre Subsidy Scheme under third round of Anti-epidemic Fund opens for applications](#)

The Fitness Centre Subsidy Scheme, launched once again under the third round of the Anti-epidemic Fund by the Government, opened for applications today (October 19). The Scheme will provide a one-off subsidy of \$50,000 to each eligible fitness centre.

Owing to the deteriorating COVID-19 epidemic situation in mid-July, the Government further tightened up social distancing measures. All fitness centres were suspended from July 15 to September 3 as directed under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F). The Scheme aims to provide financial relief to the affected fitness centres.

The application details of the Scheme are available on the website of the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) ([www.hab.gov.hk/en/policy\\_responsibilities/fitness/aefv3.htm](http://www.hab.gov.hk/en/policy_responsibilities/fitness/aefv3.htm)). The application form and guidelines can be downloaded from the website.

The deadline for application is November 18. 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 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 email to [subsidy3.0@hkpfa.org.hk](mailto:subsidy3.0@hkpfa.org.hk).

According to the Regulation and the application guidelines of the Scheme, eligible fitness centres must possess a fixed address and individually operated premises in Hong Kong where its principal and substantive business is to provide exercise machines or equipment in the premises for use, 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.