

Government announces details of one-off subsidy for transport trades under Anti-epidemic Fund

To assist the transport trades in coping with the operating pressure in the current economic environment, the Government today (March 17) announced the details of the one-off subsidy to the transport trades under the Anti-epidemic Fund.

A sum of \$1.4 billion is earmarked under the Fund to provide a one-off non-accountable subsidy, which is expected to benefit the registered owners of some 130,000 commercial vehicles. Details are as follows –

- (i) provide a one-off subsidy of HK\$20,000 for each licensed non-franchised public bus; and
- (ii) provide a one-off subsidy of HK\$10,000 for each licensed school private light bus, hire car and goods vehicle.

Arrangement for non-franchised public buses, school private light buses and hire cars

The Transport Department (TD) has started issuing letters to inform all eligible registered owners of non-franchised public buses, school private light buses and hire cars of the detailed arrangements for the subsidy. Eligible registered owners are required to send the completed registration form with a copy of the required document to the TD by post on or before May 31, 2020. After the TD has completed the verification of the submission, the subsidy will be disbursed through autopay in about one month.

Arrangement for goods vehicles

The TD will issue letters to inform all eligible registered owners of goods vehicles of the detailed arrangements for registration through an electronic platform for the subsidy from mid-April.

For details on the application arrangements and eligibility, please visit the TD's website (www.td.gov.hk) or email to oneoffsubsidy@td.gov.hk for enquiry.

The fuel subsidy arrangement for taxis and public light buses will be announced in due course.