

Government to pay one-month rent for public housing tenants

The following is issued on behalf of the Hong Kong Housing Authority:

The Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) today (December 24) announced that tenants (including licencees) who live in its public rental units and pay normal rent will not be required to pay rent for the month of January 2020. The measure is not applicable to tenants who are required to pay additional rent.

The Financial Secretary announced on August 15 a package of helping measures, which included, among other things, paying one month's rent for lower-income tenants living in the public rental units of HA. The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council approved relevant funding on December 6. About 750 000 HA tenants will benefit from the measure.

"The Government will pay the rent for January 2020 for HA tenants and licencees paying normal rent. The HA will notify all tenants and licencees of the arrangement," a spokesman for the HA said.