

Licence of employment agency revoked

A spokesman for the Labour Department (LD) today (May 5) reminded operators of employment agencies (EAs) to conduct their business in compliance with the law and the requirements of the Code of Practice for EAs (the Code) at all times.

The LD has revoked the EA licence of the Kai Sing Employment Agency, an EA located in Tin Shui Wai, the licensee of which was earlier convicted of overcharging a foreign domestic helper.

Under section 53(1)(c)(iv) of the Employment Ordinance (EO), the Commissioner for Labour (Commissioner) may revoke the licence of an EA if he is satisfied on reasonable grounds that the licensee or the person intending to be the licensee has contravened any provision of Part XII of the EO or any regulation made under section 62.

"The Employment (Amendment) Ordinance 2018, which came into effect on February 9, 2018, stipulates that the Commissioner may refuse to issue or renew a licence, or may revoke a licence, if he is satisfied on reasonable grounds that the licensee or the person intending to be the licensee of an EA, or a related person of or an individual employed by the licensee or the person intending to be the licensee has contravened any provision of Part XII or any regulation made under section 62 of the EO, such as overcharging job seekers or operating an EA without a license, or has not complied with the Code issued under section 62A(1) of the EO," the spokesman said.

This is the first revocation of an EA licence in 2020. In 2019, there were nine cases of revocation/refusal of renewal of EA licences.

For enquiries about matters related to EAs or complaints about their malpractices, please call the Employment Agencies Administration of the LD at 2115 3667, or visit its office at Unit 906, 9/F, One Mong Kok Road Commercial Centre, 1 Mong Kok Road, Kowloon.