

Licence of employment agency revoked

The Labour Department (LD) today (November 25) 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 Saiko Hong in Sheung Wan. The licence of Saiko Hong was revoked as its licensee and an associate of the licensee were earlier convicted of attempting to overcharge a commission from a foreign domestic helper.

Under sections 53(1)(c)(iv) and 53(1)(e)(i) of the Employment Ordinance (Cap. 57) (E0), the Commissioner for Labour (the Commissioner) may revoke an EA's licence if she is satisfied on reasonable grounds that the licensee or an individual employed by the licensee has contravened any provision of Part XII of the E0 or any regulation made under section 62 of the E0.

"The E0 stipulates that the Commissioner may refuse to issue or renew a licence, or may revoke a licence, if she 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 E0, such as overcharging job seekers or operating an EA without a licence, or has not complied with the Code issued under section 62A(1) of the E0," a spokesman for the LD said.

Should there be enquiries about matters related to EAs or complaints about suspected violations of EAs, please contact the Employment Agencies Administration of the LD (telephone: 2115 3667; email: ea-ee@labour.gov.hk; address: Unit 906, 9/F, One Mong Kok Road Commercial Centre, 1 Mong Kok Road, Kowloon).