

May 31 deadline for proposals to alter rateable values

The Rating and Valuation Department (RVD) today (April 28) reminded members of the public that they may search for rateable values effective from April 1 this year on the Valuation List and the Government Rent Roll on the department's website (www.rvd.gov.hk) or its Property Information Online website (www.rvdpi.gov.hk) by May 31.

Proposals to alter the new rateable value of properties must be served to the Commissioner of Rating and Valuation by May 31 and should be made on the specified form (R20A) and be delivered by post or in person. Copies of the form can be obtained from the department at 15/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon, and the Home Affairs Enquiry Centres of the Home Affairs Department. The form can also be downloaded from the RVD's website (www.rvd.gov.hk).

The public can also lodge proposals on an electronic form (e-R20A) using the Electronic Submission of Forms service provided on the department's website. Proposals sent by fax are not acceptable.

An RVD spokesman emphasised that under the Rating Ordinance and the Government Rent (Assessment and Collection) Ordinance, proposals served after May 31 would not be accepted.

"Notwithstanding the lodging of a proposal, rates and rent payers must pay rates and government rent by the last day for payment shown on the demand notes. We will carefully consider all proposals and inform the proposers of our decisions before December 1. Any changes in rates and government rent payable resulting from such decisions will date back to April 1 this year and any overpayment will be adjusted in subsequent demands," he said.

For enquiries, please call 2152 0111 (handled by 1823).