

Adjustment in ceiling prices for dedicated LPG filling stations in January 2024

The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) today (December 22) announced an adjustment to the auto-LPG (liquefied petroleum gas) ceiling prices for dedicated LPG filling stations from January 1 to January 31, 2024, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contracts of the dedicated LPG filling stations.

A department spokesman said that the adjustment on January 1, 2024, will reflect the movement of the LPG international price in December 2023. The adjusted auto-LPG ceiling prices for dedicated LPG filling stations will range from \$3.66 to \$4.53 per litre, amounting to a decrease of \$0.00 to \$0.01 per litre.

The spokesman said that the auto-LPG ceiling prices were adjusted according to a pricing formula specified in the contracts. The formula comprises two elements – the LPG international price and the LPG operating price. The LPG international price refers to the LPG international price of the preceding month. The LPG operating price is adjusted on February 1 and June 1 annually according to the average movement of the Composite Consumer Price Index and the Nominal Wage Index.

The auto-LPG ceiling prices for respective dedicated LPG filling stations in January 2024 are as follows:

Location of Dedicated LPG Filling Station	Auto-LPG Ceiling Price in January 2024 (HK\$/litre)	Auto-LPG Ceiling Price in December 2023 (HK\$/litre)
Kwai On Road, Kwai Chung	3.66	3.67
Sham Mong Road, Mei Foo	3.73	3.73
Wai Lok Street, Kwun Tong	3.78	3.78
Cheung Yip Street, Kowloon Bay	3.82	3.83
Ngo Cheung Road, West Kowloon	3.83	3.84
Yuen Chau Tsai, Tai Po	3.88	3.89
Tak Yip Street, Yuen Long	3.99	3.99
Hang Yiu Street, Ma On Shan	4.01	4.01
Marsh Road, Wan Chai	4.02	4.02
Fung Mat Road, Sheung Wan	4.04	4.04
Yip Wong Road, Tuen Mun	4.13	4.14
Fung Yip Street, Chai Wan	4.53	4.54

The spokesman said that the details of the LPG international price and the auto-LPG ceiling price for each dedicated LPG filling station have been uploaded to the EMSD website (www.emsd.gov.hk) and posted at dedicated LPG filling stations to enable the trades to monitor the price adjustment.

Details of the pricing adjustment mechanism for dedicated LPG filling stations can also be viewed under the "What's New" section of the department website at www.emsd.gov.hk/en/what_s_new/current/index.html.

Taxi Service Commendation Scheme 2023 opens for public nominations

The Transport Department (TD) today (December 22) said that to promote the quality services and image of the taxi industry, the TD and the Committee on Taxi Service Quality (CTSQ) are co-organising the Taxi Service Commendation Scheme 2023.

To recognise the quality services provided by taxi drivers and management team, a total of 24 awards will be granted in the scheme this year, including 20 Quality Taxi Drivers awards, one Most Popular Taxi Driver award, two Good Driver, Good Service awards, and one Quality Taxi Service Management Team award. The scheme is now open for nominations all year round.

Members of the public can nominate quality taxi drivers and service management teams, as well as share the Good Driver, Good Service riding experience provided by a taxi driver, via the CTSQ's webpage (www.ctsq.org.hk/voting) by scanning the QR code on the promotion material of the scheme (see Annex). They can also download the nomination form from the TD's website (www.td.gov.hk/en/transport_in_hong_kong/public_transport/taxi/index.html) or the CTSQ's website (www.ctsq.org.hk) and send the completed form to the TD by post or email.

During the voting period, members of the public can learn about the good conduct and performance of the nominated taxi drivers and vote for the awards of Quality Taxi Drivers and Good Driver, Good Service on the CTSQ's webpage. The Quality Taxi Service Management Team award will be evaluated and selected by an assessment panel of the CTSQ. It is expected that the award presentation ceremony will be held in the third quarter of 2024.

Appointments to Liquor Licensing Board

The Government announced today (December 22) the appointments to the new term of the Liquor Licensing Board. The two-year term will be from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2025.

Mrs Tennessy Lee Hui Mei-sheung and Mr Chris Ip Ngo-tung have been appointed as the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson respectively. In addition, four other serving members, namely Mr Ho Chin-choi, Miss Winona Lo Oi-ling, Miss Lo Yuen-ting and Mr Tou Yat-lung, have been reappointed; Miss Renee Ho Hang-yin, Mr Leung Chun, Miss Sharon Tam Suet-yan, Mr Wong Kin-san and Mr Wong Tsz-sang have been appointed as new members of the Liquor Licensing Board.

The Secretary for Environment and Ecology, Mr Tse Chin-wan, said, "The Government is thankful for the significant contribution and solid support from the outgoing Chairperson Dr James Wong Kong-tin, Vice-Chairperson Ms Winnie Fan Chui-wah, as well as members Mr Edmond Chung Kong-mo, Ms Jessica Li Tsau-ha, Mr Leung Po-sang and Mr Lo Kin-tak, and look forward to the members of the new term to continue providing valuable advice to the Board with their extensive knowledge and experience."

The membership list of the new term of the Licensing Board is as follows:

Chairperson

Mrs Tennessy Lee Hui Mei-sheung

Vice-Chairperson

Mr Chris Ip Ngo-tung

Members

Mr Ho Chin-choi

Miss Renee Ho Hang-yin

Mr Leung Chun

Miss Winona Lo Oi-ling

Miss Lo Yuen-ting

Miss Sharon Tam Suet-yan

Mr Tou Yat-lung

Mr Wong Kin-san

Mr Wong Tsz-sang

The Liquor Licensing Board is a statutory body established under section 2A(2) of the Dutiable Commodities (Liquor) Regulations (Cap. 109B). The main responsibility of the Board is to decide whether to grant applications to issue, renew, transfer or amend liquor licences.

Appointment to Hong Kong Tourism Board announced

The Government announced today (December 22) the appointment of Dr Lam Ho-yi as a new member of the Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTB) from January 1, 2024, to October 31, 2025.

A spokesman for the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau welcomed Dr Lam in joining the Board, and thanked the outgoing member, Mr Fong Lik-sun, for his contribution to the work of the Board.

Appointments to the HKTB are made by the Chief Secretary for Administration in exercise of the powers delegated to him by the Chief Executive and pursuant to section 9 of the Hong Kong Tourism Board Ordinance (Chapter 302).

The membership of the HKTB commencing January 1, 2024, will be as follows:

Dr Pang Yiu-kai (Chairman)
Commissioner for Tourism (Deputy Chairman) with Deputy Commissioner for Tourism as alternate member
Mr Abraham Chan
Ms Sonia Cheng Chi-man
Ms Vanessa Cheung Tih-lin
Mr Dennis Chow Chi-in
Ms Margaret Fong Shun-man
Dr Allen Fung Yuk-lun
Mrs Gianna Hsu Wong Mei-lun
Ms Mary Huen Wai-yi
Mrs Ann Kung Yeung Yun-chi
Ms Rebecca Kwan Shuk-wah
Dr Lam Ho-yi
Ms Lavinia Lau Hoi-zee
Mr Ricky Szeto Wing-fu
Ms Joyce Tam Joy-yee
Mr Richard Tsang Lap-ki
Mr James Wong Cheuk-on
Professor Simon Wong Kit-lung
Mr Ronald Wu Keng-hou

Appointments to Consumer Council

The Government announced today (December 22) the appointment of five new members and the reappointment of two incumbent members to the Consumer Council for a term of two years with effect from January 1, 2024.

The new members are Professor Chung Chi-yung, Mr Ma Tak-yan, Professor Jack Poon Sik-ching, Ms Siu Suk-yu and Mr Andy Wong Man-kit. The reappointed incumbent members are Ms Veronica Fung Kit-ming and Ms Miranda Kwan Ching-yi.

In addition, the Government expressed gratitude to the outgoing members, namely Dr Catherine Chan Po-ling, Dr Wilton Fok Wai-tung, Ms Kitty Lee Wing-lan, Mr Raymond Mak Ka-chun and Mr Siu King-wai, who are about to complete their tenure, for their contributions to various aspects of the Council's work.

The composition of the Council with effect from January 1, 2024, is as follows:

Chairman

Mr Clement Chan Kam-wing

Vice-Chairman

Mr Tony Pang Chor-fu

Members

Mr Kenneth Chan Kin-nin
Ms Ivy Cheung Wing-han
Mr Holden Chow Ho-ding
Professor Chung Chi-yung
Ms Veronica Fung Kit-ming
Mr Edward Ho Man-tat
Ms Miranda Kwan Ching-yi
Mr Victor Lam Hoi-cheung
Mr Matthew Lam Kin-hong
Ms Doris Lian Shaodong
Mr Alan Lui Siu-lun
Dr Lui Wing-cheong
Mr Ma Tak-yan
Professor Jack Poon Sik-ching
Ms Siu Suk-yu
Ms Iris Wan Lai-sze
Mr Wong Kin-wai
Mr Andy Wong Man-kit
Mr Selwyn Yu Sing-cheung, SC