

TD invites applications for Group 1 (private cars and light goods vehicles) Private Driving Instructors' Licences (Quota for Specified Persons)

The Transport Department (TD) today (April 22) invited eligible persons to apply for Group 1 (private cars and light goods vehicles) Private Driving Instructors' (PDI) Licences (Quota for Specified Persons). In all, 57 licences are to be issued. The application period will run from April 29 to May 17.

Applicants are required to meet the following criteria:

- holding a valid Group 2 and/or Group 3 PDI's licence, and/or
- holding a valid Group 1, Group 2 and/or Group 3 restricted driving instructor's licence for giving driving instruction on behalf of a designated driving school or a franchised bus company, and/or
- having previously held a Group 1, Group 2 and/or Group 3 restricted driving instructor's licence for giving driving instruction on behalf of a designated driving school or a franchised bus company within three years immediately before the date of application; and
- meeting other qualifications listed in the first paragraph in the Guidance Notes for Applicants (TD564D).

The application form (TD560A) and the Guidance Notes for Applicants (TD564D) can be downloaded from the TD website (www.td.gov.hk) or obtained at the following TD offices:

- Driving Services Section (19 Pui Ching Road, Ho Man Tin, Kowloon)
- Hong Kong Licensing Office (3/F, United Centre, 95 Queensway, Hong Kong)
- Kowloon Licensing Office (2/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon)
- Kwun Tong Licensing Office (5/F, Kowloon East Government Offices, 12 Lei Yue Mun Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon)
- Sha Tin Licensing Office (2/F, Sha Tin Government Offices, 1 Sheung Wo Che Road, Sha Tin, New Territories)

Applicants must submit their completed application forms within the prescribed application period by post to the Driving Services Section of the TD or via the collection box placed at the same address during office hours (9am to 5pm from Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays). For applications submitted by post, the postmark date will be regarded as the date of application. For applications submitted via the collection box, the deadline for applications is 5pm on May 17.

Applicants are reminded that they must submit their applications within the prescribed application period or their applications will not be accepted. An acknowledgement letter will be issued to applicants for confirming receipt of their applications.

If the number of applications exceeds the total number of 57 Group 1 PDIs' Licences (Quota for Specified Persons) to be issued, the TD will hold a ballot to determine the order of the applications to be dealt with and to verify the eligibility of the applicants according to the balloted order numbers. Invitations will be sent to eligible applicants for taking the private driving instructor's test according to the balloted order numbers, while those who fail to meet the qualifications will also be notified in writing. The date and details of the ballot will be announced later.

The TD stressed that the balloted order numbers allotted to an applicant should not be deemed as meaning that an applicant has fulfilled the qualification requirements of the application and can take the driving instructor's test. The test will stop if the number of Group 1 PDIs' Licences (Quota for Specified Persons) proposed to be issued is completely filled, and the applications of those who have not been invited for the test will also be voided.

For application details, please visit the TD's website. For enquiries, please call 2804 2600.