

New Management Regime for Laying Private Moorings

New Conditions for Permission to Lay Private Moorings

To expedite the turnover of private moorings (PMs) and to discourage sub-letting of PMs, Marine Department (MD) will apply **new conditions** to Private Mooring (PM) permissions **issued on or after 1 November 2020**. Details of the new arrangements are as follows -

- (a) **the validity period of the PM permissions will be six years with no option to renew or extend.** After the expiry of the validity period, the PM owner must return the PM space to MD for re-allocation. If the PM owner wishes to continue to use a PM space, he/she has to submit a new application to MD during the new round of application;
- (b) if the PM owner transfers the PM, the **transferee of a PM will only be entitled to use the PM space for the remainder of its validity period after the transaction.** In any event, the PM owner must return the PM space to MD after the expiry of the validity period;
- (c) the **existing Points System will continue to apply.** Under the Points System, a certain number of points will be allocated to a PM owner who has breached the conditions to lay a PM (e.g. failure to properly maintain the PM, berthing an over-length vessel, etc.). The points to be allocated will depend on the severity of the breach. MD will **cancel the permission of the PM owner if he/she has accrued more than 15 points within a period of three years;** and
- (d) MD reserves the right to withdraw or cancel a PM permission by serving a 14-day advance notice to the PM owner.

Freezing of Existing Waiting Lists

2. To improve the allocation arrangement of PM spaces, the waiting lists for designated areas in Sai Kung (including Tso Wo Hang, A Kung Wan and Tsam Chuk Wan) have already been frozen on 1 October 2020. **The waiting lists of other PM areas will be frozen on 1 January 2021. Thereafter, application to be placed on the waiting lists will no longer be accepted.**

New Allocation Arrangement

3. Any new PM space available in a particular PM area will be allocated to applicants on the waiting list of that PM area first. If the waiting list concerned is exhausted and there are still unallocated PM spaces, they will be open for application through drawing lots. When an application exercise through drawing lots is conducted, MD will inform all applicants on the frozen waiting lists of all PM areas, as well as the public who may be interested in participating in such application exercise. Applicants on the frozen waiting lists are free to apply for PM spaces in areas which they are not awaiting. However, if they succeed in the drawing of lots and accept a PM space in another PM area, their names will be deleted from the frozen waiting list of their original PM area.

4. In addition, the 3rd batch for application for Permission to Lay Private Mooring at Hei Ling Chau Typhoon Shelter was closed on 22 March 2019. The date of the next batch of application will be announced in MD webpage in due course.

Enquiries

5. For enquiries, please contact the Private Mooring Sub-unit of MD at 2545 0264.

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