

# Admission to the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China

## How can Contractors Participate in HKSAR's Public Works Projects?

### Admission to the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works ("Approved List")



- The Development Bureau (DEVB) of the Government of the HKSAR maintains the Approved List to ensure selection of reliable and capable contractors in an efficient manner that meets the fast pace of the public work programme of Hong Kong.
- Normally, contractors on the Approved List are invited to submit bids for public works contracts.
- Contractors not on the Approved List can still bid our public works contracts by forming a joint venture with contractor(s) already on the Approved List.

## Approved List - Categories of Works & Tender Limit for the Highest Group Contractors (i.e. Group C)

### Categories of Works



Buildings



Port Works



Site Formation



Waterworks



Roads & Drainage

Group	Individual Contract Value	Limit on number and total value of contracts	
		Probationary Status	Confirmed Status
C	> HK\$400 million	(i) Not more than 2 contracts in the same category; (ii) Total value of outstanding works capped at HK\$1,500 million	No limit

- Admission Criteria – Full compliance with WTO GPA**  
**– No barriers for Chinese Mainland and overseas contractors**

### Six Core Criteria



### Points to note:

- Application for admission to the Approved List is at all times open to applicants from local, Chinese Mainland or overseas, with the same set of non-discriminatory admission rules.
- Applicant's local or non-local experiences will be considered.
- On admission, a contractor –
  - must possess or set up a place of business in Hong Kong;
  - is normally given a probationary status which limits the number and value of public works contracts it can undertake. Upon satisfactory execution of public works contracts of certain value, the contractor can apply for a confirmatory status.

Remark: Details of the admission criteria are set out in Section 2 and Appendix 2A of the Contractor Management Handbook (see: <https://www.devb.gov.hk/en/home/index.html>).



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# Opportunities Ahead



**HK\$120 Billion**

Average annual  
capital works expenditure  
in the years ahead




**Welcome**

Participation of  
international  
contractors in the  
delivery of public  
works

## New Fast-track Route

for Admission to the Highest Group of the Approved List

 Direct entry to the  
highest group of  
the Approved List  
(Group C) at  
confirmed status

 Target for well-established  
international contractors

*Removal of  
Probationary  
Requirement*



### Experience Requirements

- ◆ Contract(s) executed outside the HKSAR shall be over HK\$2,000 million.
- ◆ The standard of relevant construction works shall be on par with that of public works in the HKSAR.
- ◆ Information on contract(s) executed outside the HKSAR shall be authenticated by the relevant government authority, consulate, etc. of the country where the contract was carried out.

## Application Procedures

**STEP 1**

Download the Contractor Management Handbook (CMH) and relevant application forms from the website of the Development Bureau. Please refer to Section 2 and Appendix 2A for details of admission criteria.

DEVB's website :



Complete relevant forms and  
prepare supporting documents.

**STEP 3**

Submit application to the  
Development Bureau by  
email or post.

Financial, technical and management  
assessments on the application to be  
conducted by DEVB.

**STEP 4**

**STEP 2**



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