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**Mandatory Building Inspection
Subsidy Scheme**



For details and application, please call

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Purpose of Subsidy Scheme

Full implementation of the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme (MBIS) was commenced on 30 June 2012. Owners of buildings aged 30 or above are required to carry out inspections of their buildings, including common parts, external walls, projections and signboards, once every 10 years. To assist owners in complying with the statutory requirements, the Hong Kong Housing Society (HKHS) and Urban Renewal Authority (URA) launch the Mandatory Building Inspection Subsidy Scheme to provide financial assistance to eligible owners.

This leaflet sets out the general information of the subsidy scheme for reference only. Applicants should refer to the Application Notes for details. HKHS and URA reserve the right to amend the eligibility criteria and/ or details of the subsidy.

Eligibility

- ✓ Private residential or composite (commercial & residential) buildings aged 30 or above excluding buildings not exceeding 3 storeys; and
- ✓ Buildings not in single ownership; and
- ✓ Of an average Rateable Value per residential unit not exceeding \$120,000 p.a. for properties in the urban areas (including Shatin, Kwai Tsing and Tsuen Wan); or \$92,000 p.a. for properties in the New Territories; and
- ✓ Received "MBIS Pre-notification Letters" or "MBIS Notices" issued by the Buildings Department.



Application Requirements

Buildings with Owners' Corporation (OC)

- Application for subsidy resolved in Management Committee Meeting or OC General Meeting; and
- Authorised committee member(s) to sign the relevant documents.

Buildings without OC

- Application resolved in Owners' Meeting; and
 - Authorised representative(s) to sign the relevant documents
- (The resolution and authorization shall obtain consensus from 100% owners or in accordance with relevant Deed of Mutual Covenant).

Applicant is required to employ the Registered Inspector for the Prescribed Inspection according to the Buildings Ordinance and application form must be submitted before the employment of Registered Inspector.



Subsidy Amount

The subsidy cap is determined according to the total number of units covered by each MBIS Notice for common parts issued by the Buildings Department to the OC or co-owners.

20 units or below	up to \$ 25,000
21 to 49 units	up to \$ 35,000
50 to 200 units	up to \$ 60,000
201 units or above	up to \$100,000



Use of Subsidy

- ✓ Confines to the expenses on the **first Prescribed Inspection conducted by a Registered Inspector** according to relevant statutory requirements and the Code of Practice for MBIS & Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme (MWIS)
- ✓ Must be used for **inspection of common parts** first under the MBIS
- ✓ If owners receive Pre-notification Letters or Notices on the MBIS and MWIS at the same time and employ the same Registered Inspector, any remaining subsidy may be used for inspection of windows in common parts under the MWIS.

Areas NOT covered by the Subsidy

- ✗ Other expenses such as the Detailed Investigation, Prescribed Repair and window inspection & repair in individual private units
- ✗ Application for subsidy solely for inspection of MWIS items or individual items in non-common parts alone are not eligible



How to Apply

Application forms for the MBISS can be obtained from any one of the Property Management Advisory Centres of HKHS or Service Centres of URA. The forms can also be downloaded from the website of HKHS (www.hkhs.com) and URA (www.ura.org.hk).

* For buildings requiring the Prescribed Repair after the inspection, eligible owners can apply for the Integrated Building Maintenance Assistance Scheme with the HKHS or URA. For details and application, please call **3188 1188** for information.