

Express Flat Allocation Scheme (EFAS)

Flat Selection Arrangements During Tropical Cyclones/Rainstorms/ “Extreme Conditions”

Generally, flat selection is conducted in the morning of the working days (Monday to Friday, excluding Public Holidays) only. Under this Scheme, flat selection has to be conducted according to the flat selection priority of each applicant. Attention is therefore drawn to the special arrangements stated below for situations where Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 or higher is hoisted, a black rainstorm warning signal is issued or “Extreme Conditions” is announced on the flat selection day or where such signal/warning has been in force before or during the flat selection day, or two or more consecutive working days before the flat selection day:

Time of issue or cancellation of the signal/warning	Special arrangements for flat selection
(A) Signal/warning issued for one day	
1. Signal/warning cancelled before 7:00 a.m.	Flat selection procedures for the day will proceed as scheduled.
2. Signal/warning or pre-signal / warning announcement ^(Note 1) still in force at 7:00 a.m. but cancelled before 12:00 noon	All the flat selection procedures scheduled for the morning of the day will be cancelled. Affected applicants who have their appointments scheduled for the morning should refer to the Revised Schedule (1) overleaf and come for flat selection at the specified time in the afternoon of the same day.
3. Signal/warning or pre-signal / warning announcement ^(Note 1) still in force at 7:00 a.m. but cancelled after 12:00 noon	● All the flat selection procedures scheduled for the morning of the day will be cancelled. Affected applicants who have their appointments scheduled for the morning should refer to the same schedule and come for flat selection in the morning of the 2nd working day. ● Applicants who have their appointments scheduled for the morning of the 2nd working day should refer to the Revised Schedule (1) overleaf and come for flat selection at the specified time in the afternoon of the same day.
4. Signal/warning or pre-signal/ warning announcement ^(Note 1) issued after 7:00 a.m. but cancelled before 12:00 noon	Flat selection sessions that have started before the issue of the signal/warning or pre-signal/warning announcement will continue whereas all the subsequent appointments scheduled for the day will be cancelled. Affected applicants who have their appointments scheduled for the morning should refer to the Revised Schedule (1) overleaf and come for flat selection at the specified time in the afternoon of the same day.
5. Signal/warning or pre-signal/ warning announcement ^(Note 1) issued after 7:00 a.m. but cancelled after 12:00 noon	● Flat selection sessions that have started before the issue of the signal/warning or pre-signal/warning announcement will continue whereas all the subsequent appointments scheduled for the day will be cancelled. Affected applicants who have their appointments scheduled for the morning should refer to the same schedule and come for flat selection in the morning of the 2nd working day. ● Applicants who have their appointments scheduled for the morning of the 2nd working day should refer to the Revised Schedule (1) overleaf and come for flat selection at the specified time in the afternoon of the same day.
6. Signal/warning or pre-signal/ warning announcement ^(Note 1) issued after 12:00 noon	Flat selection procedures are usually arranged in the morning. Flat selection procedures for the day will proceed as scheduled if the signal/warning cancelled before 7:00 a.m. of the following working day.
(B) Signal/warning issued for two consecutive working days	
i) Signal/warning or pre-signal/warning announcement^(Note 1) issued before 12:00 noon of the 1st working day, and on the 2nd working day:	
1. Signal/warning cancelled before 7:00 a.m.	● Flat selection procedures that have started before the issue of the signal/warning or pre-signal /warning announcement will continue whereas all the subsequent appointments scheduled for the morning of the 1st working day will be cancelled. Affected applicants who have their appointments scheduled for the morning should refer to the same schedule and come for flat selection in the morning of the 2nd working day. ● Applicants who have their appointments scheduled for the morning of the 2nd working day should refer to the Revised Schedule (1) overleaf and come for flat selection at the specified time in the afternoon of the same day.
2. Signal/warning still in force at 7:00 a.m. and cancelled before 12:00 noon	● Flat selection procedures that have started before the issue of the signal/warning or pre-signal/warning announcement will continue whereas all the subsequent appointments scheduled for the morning of the 1st working day will be cancelled. Affected applicants who have their appointments scheduled for the morning should refer to the Revised Schedule (1) overleaf and come for flat selection at the specified time in the afternoon of the 2nd working day. ● Applicants who have their appointments scheduled for the morning of the 2nd working day should refer to the same schedule and come for flat selection in the morning of the 3rd working day. ● Applicants who have their appointments scheduled for the morning of the 3rd working day should refer to the Revised Schedule (1) overleaf and come for flat selection at the specified time in the afternoon of the 3rd working day.
3. Signal/warning still in force at 7:00 a.m. and cancelled after 12:00 noon	● Flat selection procedures that have started before the issue of the signal/warning or pre-signal/warning announcement will continue whereas all the subsequent appointments scheduled for the morning of the 1st working day will be cancelled. Affected applicants who have their appointments scheduled for the morning should refer to the same schedule and come for flat

	selection in the morning of the 3rd working day. ● Applicants who have their appointments scheduled for the mornings of the 2nd working day should refer to the Revised Schedule (1) overleaf and come for flat selection at the specified time in the afternoon of the 3rd working day. ● Applicants who have their appointments scheduled for the mornings of the 3rd working day should refer to the same schedule and come for flat selection in the morning of the 4th working day. Applicants who have their appointments scheduled for the mornings of the 4th working day should refer to the Revised Schedule (1) overleaf and come for flat selection at the specified time in the afternoon of the 4th working day. ● With such an increase in the number of appointments at the re-scheduled sessions, applicants should remain patient and wait for their turn of flat selection.
ii) Signal/warning or pre-signal/warning announcement ^(Note 1) issued after 12:00 noon of the 1st working day, and on the 2nd working day (Since flat selection procedures are usually arranged in the morning, there is no flat selection scheduled in the afternoon of the 1st working day.)	
1. Signal/warning cancelled before 7:00 a.m.	Flat selection procedures for the 2 nd working day will proceed as scheduled.
2. Signal/warning still in force at 7:00 a.m. but cancelled before 12:00 noon	All the flat selection procedures scheduled for the morning of the 2 nd working day will be cancelled. Affected applicants who have their appointments scheduled for the morning should refer to the Revised Schedule (1) as below and come for flat selection at the specified time in the afternoon of the same day.
3. Signal/warning still in force at 7:00 a.m. but cancelled after 12:00 noon	● All the flat selection procedures scheduled for the morning of the 2nd working day will be cancelled. Affected applicants who have their appointments scheduled for the morning should refer to the same schedule and come for flat selection in the morning of the 3rd working day. ● Applicants who have their appointments scheduled for the morning of the 2nd working day should refer to the Revised Schedule (1) as below and come for flat selection at the specified time in the afternoon of the 3rd working day.
(C) Signal/warning issued for three or more consecutive working days If all or some of the flat selection sessions cannot be carried out as scheduled for three or more consecutive working days as a result of the issue of the signal/warning, Housing Department will speed up the flat selection procedures to clear the backlog of cases. As there is a large variety of combinations, the details given are not exhaustive. Applicants, however, can obtain information on the latest arrangements through the Housing Authority / Housing Department Website or Housing Authority Hotline on the working day following the cancellation of the signal/warning ^(Note 2).	

 **Housing Authority / Housing Department Website:** www.housingauthority.gov.hk
(Home > PRH Application > Express Flat Allocation Scheme)

 **Housing Authority Hotline:** 2712 2712

Revised Schedule (1) ^(Note 3)

<u>Original Flat Selection Schedule</u>	<u>New Flat Selection Schedule</u>
8:45 am	1:45 pm
9:15 am	2:15 pm
9:45 am	2:45 pm
10:15 am	3:15 pm
10:45 am	3:45 pm
11:15 am, 11:45 am	4:15 pm

^(Note 1) The whole flat selection process takes about one or two hours. For the safety of the applicants who have to travel to the flat selection venue or from the venue to home, we should ensure that they can return home as soon as possible after a pre-signal/warning announcement is issued two hours before the hoisting of Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 or higher. Therefore, once a pre-signal/warning announcement is issued, only those flat selection sessions that have already commenced will continue, whereas all those that have not commenced yet will be cancelled. The Housing Department may also suspend the flat selection sessions that have started at any time having regard to the prevailing weather condition.

^(Note 2) As it takes time to re-arrange the flat selection sessions, the information may not be ready until a later time after the office has resumed operation.

^(Note 3) As there are bound to be a large number of people at the re-scheduled sessions, applicants are advised to follow the Revised Schedule as far as possible when they come for flat selection. Applicants who are not able to come in person may authorize their relatives/friends to select a flat on their behalf by completing the attached authorization letter or contact the Housing Department for special arrangements after the office has resumed operation.