

Section B

Chapter 3: A Rent-free Period of 14 Days

By making reference to the average time taken by individual households on preparing for moving to their flats, the Hong Kong Housing Authority has, since 24 April 1993, given all new tenants, a rent-free period of 14 days so that decoration can be carried out before the commencement of tenancy. Individual tenant may, however, opt for earlier commencement of tenancy according to his/ her own needs.

For households who are eligible for Domestic Removal Allowance (for example, tenants affected by redevelopment/ clearance of estate) may also enjoy a rent-free period of one month in respect of their old tenancies apart from a 14-day rent-free period for their new tenancies. The effective date of such period is determined by the commencement date of the new tenancy. For example, if the new tenancy commences on 17 September 2018, the rent-free period in respect of the old tenancy will be from 17 September 2018 to 16 October 2018.