

Express Flat Allocation Scheme (2025) Application Guide

1. Housing Department (HD) will set the priority of applicants for Flat Selection based on the following order: -
 - (i) Suitable for two heads or above families and Single Elderly Persons Priority Scheme applicants:
 - (1) Application with earlier Registration date/Equivalent date of registration (Equivalent date of registration must be adopted if there is one for the application);
 - (2) G-No. with smaller number;
 - (3) U-No. with smaller number.
 - (ii) Suitable for Non-elderly One-person Applicants under Quota and Points System (QPS):
 - (1) Applicant with higher points under QPS;
 - (2) Applicant older in age;
 - (3) Application with earlier Registration date/Equivalent date of registration. (Equivalent date of registration must be adopted if there is one for the application);
 - (4) G-No. with smaller number;
 - (5) U-No. with smaller number.
2. The first batch of flat selection for EFAS(the Scheme) is for household of two-head or above and is tentatively scheduled for September 2025. The second batch is for one-person applicants and will tentatively be commenced in December 2025. Letters of notification for flat selection will be sent in batches to applicants who meet the requirements about one week before their flat selection date according to their flat selection priorities. Change of corresponding address should be reported in writing to HD immediately. Failure to do so may affect the chance of invitation for flat selection. HD reserves the right to change or postpone the date of flat selection. HD will upload the list of flats available for selection to Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA)/HD website around two to three days before the commencement of flat selection process for applicants' information. The above arrangements made by HD shall be final.
3. Applicants may call HA Hotline: 2712 2712 for progress enquiry. HD will keep applicants informed of the latest flat selection progress through HA/ HD webpage.
4. Once the applicants submit the application form of the Scheme, they and all their family member(s) in the PRH application understand this application guide and agree to comply with the relevant policies/regulations/ arrangements. HA/HD is not liable for any dispute raised by family member(s) included in PRH application (if applicable) regarding the Scheme.
5. If the applicants do not meet the eligibility criteria for the EFAS but still submit an application form, the HD will reject their applications. In addition, the applicants and/or any family member(s) listed on the PRH application form must still be eligible for the EFAS and PRH applications from the date of submitting the EFAS application to the date of signing the PRH tenancy agreement.
6. There is no locality restriction for flats being selected. Applicants can choose only one flat from the list of flats available for selection in accordance with the number of authorised members on his/her PRH application (the computer record of applications should prevail) and the allocation standard of each flat displayed for selection. Each applicant will only have one opportunity to select a flat under the same scheme and the selection (including the selection made by the authorised person) is irrevocable once it is made.
7. As there are a large number of applicants for the Scheme while the number of flats available for selection is limited and the flats are unevenly distributed across various districts, **HD cannot guarantee that all applicants will be invited for flat selection or be able to successfully select a flat.** HD will only invite applicants for flat selection provided that there are flats available in their selected districts and/or flat types.
8. Applicants should update any changes of their family size or particulars (e.g. addition or deletion of family member, change of marital status, change of applicant, or change of the intention to join 'Harmonious Families Priority Scheme' (HFPS)) to HD in writing before the flat selection procedures because such updated information will affect the eligibility of the application, the order of priority for flat selection, the date for flat selection and the size of flat to be allocated, etc. Under normal circumstances, request for addition or deletion of family members during flat selection will not be entertained. Therefore, the applicant must complete the formalities for information update before flat selection. Whether the applicant will be allocated with the selected flat will be subject to his/her fulfillment of the eligibility vetting or review for PRH.
9. Flats available for selection under the Scheme including Housing for Senior Citizens (HSC) units. With the abolition of the age limit for admission to HSC units, Non-elderly One-person Applicants or Two-person Applicants may also select HSC units but tenants may have to share some facilities (e.g. kitchen, bathroom and toilet (for Type 3 design HSC units, the private room with bathroom and toilet), dining area and common room) with other residents. The share of common facilities area is included in the internal floor area of an individual

HSC unit.

10. The flat list for selection would include PRH flats converted from Interim Housing (IH) units and being equipped with smaller toilet and kitchen. For the flats marked as “Converted Flat” in the list, their internal partition and facilities are different from a standard PRH flat. Some of these flats may also need to share the gate with adjacent flat(s).
11. For applicants joining HFPS through two PRH applications, if they wish to join the Scheme, they have to change their PRH applications to “Ordinary Families” and give up the six-month period of priority processing applicable to HFPS applicants. If applicants fail to select a flat under the Scheme and still meet the criteria, they may join HFPS again and resume their original priority of registration. Applicants applying for two PRH units under one PRH application are allowed to select only ONE flat under the Scheme.
12. If an applicant has applied for “White Form Secondary Market Scheme (WSM)” and the Scheme at the same time, in case HA or Hong Kong Housing Society (HKHS) has issued the Letter of Nomination, or if the applicant through WSM has successfully purchased a flat in the Home Ownership Scheme (HOS) Secondary Market of HA or the Flat For Sales Scheme Secondary Market of HKHS, his/her PRH application (including the Scheme) will be cancelled. If an applicant has successfully obtained allocation of a PRH flat through the Scheme, his/her application of WSM will be cancelled automatically.
13. If the PRH application has been verified as eligible for PRH and the application is ready for allocation (except for frozen cases), joining this Scheme will not affect the chance of being allocated a flat under the normal queue. It is thus possible that offer letter will be issued under his/her normal PRH application, inviting the applicant to complete the intake formalities (including final offer) during the Scheme. In that case, the applicant has to decide whether to accept the offer or not. If he/she accepts the offer and completes all the intake formalities, his/her application of the Scheme will be cancelled. If the applicant refuses the offer, his/her application of the Scheme will not be affected provided that he/she still **holds valid chance of housing offer(s)**. If the applicant refuses to accept the final offer leading to cancellation of his/her PRH application, his/her application of the Scheme will be cancelled accordingly.
14. If the applicant’s eligibility for PRH has yet to be verified after the flat selection, HD will immediately appoint a date of the detailed vetting interview for the applicant. In general, the interview will be conducted within one month, counting from the date of flat selection. If the applicant (and the authorised person who attended the flat selection session on behalf of the applicant) fails to make the appointment date of the detailed vetting interview right after the flat selection, the application for the Scheme will be immediately cancelled and the selected flat will not be reserved. Based on the principle of optimising public housing resources, HD will not consider the requests of the applicant (and the authorised person) for postponing the interview for more than two months, counting from the date of flat selection. The applicant and his/her family member(s) reaching the age of 18 (if any) included in the PRH application must attend the interview as scheduled and complete the required procedures in person; otherwise, the application for the Scheme will be cancelled and the selected flat will not be reserved. Under normal circumstances, applicant whose eligibility for PRH has already been confirmed will receive the “offer letter” in about one month from the date of the letter that confirmed his/her eligibility for PRH or the date of “Undertaking for Flat Selection Exercise”, whichever is later. Applicants are required to complete the intake formalities at the respective estate office on the date specified in the letter. Based on the principle of optimising public housing resources, HD will not consider the applicant’s request for postponing the date of issuance of the “offer letter”.
15. **Based on the principle of optimising public housing resources, if (i) the Applicant voluntarily withdraws the selected flat under the Scheme; or (ii) the Applicant and/ or his/her family member(s) reaching the age of 18 (if any) included in the PRH application fail(s) to attend the detailed vetting interview in person as scheduled and/ or submit requisite documents within the specified period for verification of his/her eligibility for PRH; or (iii) the Applicant refuses the housing offer of the selected flat after successful verification of his/her eligibility for PRH and receiving the “offer letter”; or (iv) the Applicant fails to turn up for completion of the formalities of the tenancy of the selected flat at the respective estate office, without any “acceptable reason”, the allocation will be counted as one valid offer.** “Acceptable reasons” for refusing the housing offers include: (i) The Applicant has supporting document(s) issued by the relevant organisations (such as the Hospital Authority), stating clearly the medical reason(s) for not accepting the PRH unit offered; (ii) The Applicant has supporting document(s) issued by the Social Welfare Department/ relevant organisation, stating clearly the social reason(s) for not accepting the PRH unit offered; and (iii) The Applicant has documents to prove that he/she is unable to sign the tenancy agreement as scheduled due to his/her absence from Hong Kong or hospitalisation for treatment.
16. **Light Public Housing (LPH): If a PRH applicant household has selected a flat through the Scheme as the first PRH flat offer and has been issued with a “Reserving Selected Flat Offer Letter”, irrespective of whether the selected flat is eventually accepted or refused, the household will be deemed to have been provided with a first flat offer (save for cases with “acceptable reason(s)” for refusing housing offers as determined by HD under the established PRH allocation mechanism). The household will not be eligible to apply for LPH and the LPH application will be rejected or cancelled. Applicants may visit the LPH**

website of the Housing Bureau (www.hb.gov.hk/eng/lph) for details of LPH, or may contact The Office of the Dedicated Team on Light Public Housing via other means.

17. The Subsidised Housing Committee (SHC) of HA endorsed on 29 September 2005 that tenants departing from PRH (including IH) with rent arrears unsettled at the time of tenancy termination have vacated the PRH unit, the ex-tenant and family member(s) aged 18 or above of such households are required to settle all rent arrears/debts incurred in the past before they can be allocated a PRH unit through the PRH Application. (Applicable to ex-tenants whose tenancies terminated after 30 September 2005). For applicants who are those ex-tenants/family member(s) aged 18 or above of such households are not allowed to attend the flat selection procedures unless all rent arrears/debts incurred have been settled before their scheduled flat selection date under the Scheme. Failing which the application of the Scheme will be cancelled.
18. The PRH applications, including applicants or family members under the debarment restriction for PRH application resulting from the following circumstances, are not eligible to join the Scheme within the debarment period. For those with their debarment imposed after the application closing date, their application of the Scheme will also be cancelled accordingly.
 - (i) Ex-tenants with PRH tenancies terminated by the HA on or after 1 October 2023 for making false declarations, breaching any terms of the tenancy agreement, violating the Marking Scheme for Estate Management Enforcement in Public Housing Estates etc., as well as their family member(s) aged 18 or above at the time of tenancy termination are ineligible to apply for PRH within five years from the following day after the date of tenancy termination. As for the ex-tenants with PRH tenancies terminated by the HA during the period from 1 January 2006 to 30 September 2023 as well as their family member(s) aged 18 or above at the time of tenancy termination are ineligible to apply for PRH within two years from the following day after the date of tenancy termination. The above restrictions are also applicable to ex-licensees of PRH and IH and their family member(s).
 - (ii) Ex-tenants with rental estate units tenancies terminated by the HKHS on or after 1 December 2023 for making false declarations or breaching any terms of the tenancy agreement etc., as well as their family member(s) aged 18 or above at the time of tenancy termination are ineligible to apply for PRH and rental estate units within five years from the following day after the date of tenancy termination.
 - (iii) Applicants or family members whose PRH applications cancelled by the HA on or after 1 October 2023 on grounds of making false declarations or furnishing false information will be barred from re- applying for PRH for a period of five years from the date of cancellation.
 - (iv) Applicants or family members whose rental estate units applications cancelled by the HKHS on or after 1 December 2023 on grounds of making false declarations or furnishing false information will be barred from re- applying for PRH and rental estate units for a period of five years from the date of cancellation.
19. Applicant who has obtained a PRH flat through the Scheme and subsequently applies with Green Form (GF) for purchase of a flat under HA's HOS or HKHS's "Subsidised Sales Flats Project" (including surplus HOS and new HOS flats) within three years from the initial commencement date of the tenancy agreement, he/she will be treated as White Form (WF) applicant in the flat selection order and will be put under the WF queue. Any flat taken up by him/her will be counted against the WF quota. Upon purchase of such a flat, he/she will have to surrender his/her PRH flat to HA like the other GF applicants.
20. Applicants housed through the Scheme will not be eligible to apply for the sale of flats under Green Form Subsidised Home Ownership Scheme within three years from the initial date of tenancy commencement of their PRH units.
21. **Having accepted the flat through the Scheme, the applicant and his/her family members cannot request for any transfer within three years from the commencement date of the tenancy agreement. At flat selection, applicants are therefore required to sign an undertaking to acknowledge that they cannot request a transfer within three years from the date of commencement of the tenancy agreement in respect of the selected flat.** HD may exercise discretion for special cases verified by relevant departments/organisations, or transfers upon demand of HD.
22. Tenants who take up PRH flats with effective vacancy period of 12 months or more will be granted 50% reduction on monthly rent. The period of rent reduction is determined by the period of effective vacancy of a flat ("Effective vacancy period" is the period during which the unit is under normal letting so that it may differ from actual vacancy period). Tenants cannot apply for HD's Rent Assistance Scheme during the period. (Remarks: If Comprehensive Social Security Assistance recipients residing in public housing receive any rent-free incentives or rent-reduction incentives, Social Welfare Department will stop the rental allowance or will only pay rental allowance at an amount equal to the actual rent paid resulting from the rent-reduction incentives, subject to the maximum rent allowance entitled. For further enquiries, please contact the responsible Social Security Field Unit.)
23. **In accordance with the principle of optimising public housing resources and subject to the availability of such resources, if there are still flats available for selection after all invited eligible applicants have attended the flat selection, HD will consider re-inviting eligible applicants who have not selected a flat under this Scheme to join the flat selection of the remaining flats according to order of priority for flat**

selection. HD reserves all rights in respect of flat selection arrangements.

24. HA/HD in general will not accept underpaid mail items. Mail items addressed to HA/HD without sufficient postage will be returned by Hong Kong Post to the sender. Mail items without return address will be disposed of by Hong Kong Post in accordance with her established procedures for handling undeliverable mails. For proper delivery of mail items to HA/HD, and to avoid unnecessary delivery delay or unsuccessful delivery, applicants are requested to ensure that mail items should bear sufficient postage with return address before posting.
25. It is anticipated that there will be a lot of applicants joining the Scheme and it takes time for HD to handle the large volume of applications. Hence, applicants might have to wait for the flat selection upon the launch of the Scheme. If during which there are new policies/regulations being endorsed by HA and if there are implications on the applicants joining this scheme, we will alert concerned applicants of the changes through different channels.
26. This Application is free of charge. Anyone who offers to assist in the application in return for remuneration should be reported to the Police, Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) or HA immediately. Attempted bribery is also an offence in law. HA will refer such case to ICAC for investigation and cancel the application.
27. The personal data in the application form are furnished to HA for the processing of application for the Scheme. Pursuant to the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Chapter 486), the applicant and family members are entitled to request for access to those personal data related to him/her stated in the application form. Where necessary, such requests should be made in writing and directed by post or by fax (2761 6363) to the Department Data Protection Officer of Housing Authority Headquarters, 33 Fat Kwong Street, Homantin, Kowloon. Application for access to personal data may be subject to a fee.

If applicants prefer hostel type of accommodation with communal facilities and warden service, they might opt to be rehoused to HSC Type 2 and Type 3 design units. To learn more information and details about HSC units, applicants can scan the QR Code to view the video on HSC.



Contact Us

For details of the Scheme, applicants may browse HA/HD website at www.housingauthority.gov.hk: Home > PRH Application > Express Flat Allocation Scheme or through the HA Hotline: 2712 2712. Applicants may also enquire their application stage of the Scheme through the ‘e-Services for Public Rental Housing Application’ in HA/HD webpage. Applicants of the Scheme will be updated of the Scheme’s information through various means including but not limited to sending SMS messages if applicants have provided local mobile phone nos. to HD.

Besides, “e-Services for PRH Application” provides 24-hour online services. Registered users can view application status, amend application information and change the date and time of detailed vetting interview online. Applicants may enquire the application stage of EFAS (2025) through the ‘e-Services for Public Rental Housing Application’ in HA/HD webpage or through HA Hotline: 2712 2712. For the login procedures relating to the ‘e-Services for Public Housing Application’, please refer to the EFAS webpage or scan the QR Code to learn more about “e-Services for PRH Application”.

Information of “e-Services for Public Housing Application”

