Hong Kong Housing Society Dedicated Rehousing Estates Subsidised Sale Flats Project 2024 "Eminence Terrace I" (Hung Shui Kiu)

Information on Reduced Ex-gratia Allowance for Permitted Occupiers of Licenced Structures and Surveyed Squatters affected by Clearance and Domestic Removal Allowance for the Purchase of Dedicated Rehousing Estates

Subsidised Sales Flats – Category I applications¹

(Provided by the Lands Department, please read in conjunction with "Application Guide" of Sales Scheme of "Eminence Terrace I")

Reduced Ex-gratia Allowance for Permitted Occupiers of Licenced Structures and Surveyed Squatters affected by Clearance (EGAPO)

The Government will disburse a reduced EGAPO to eligible households who have successfully purchased Subsidised Sale Flats (SSFs) in Dedicated Rehousing Estates (DREs).

- 2. The reduced EGAPO is about five-sixth of the EGAPO payable to the eligible households had they not opted for rehousing. EGAPO is calculated with reference to the applicable basic rate and the area of the eligible structures of the squatters (subject to a maximum size cap at 100m^2) with apportionment according to the length of continuous occupation for domestic use of the squatter immediately preceding the date of the Pre-clearance Survey.
- 3. For applicants already rehoused to Transitional Rental Housing (TRH) units under the Hong Kong Housing Society (HKHS)/ Hong Kong Housing Authority (HKHA), the LandsD has informed them in writing of the reduced EGAPO, including the applicable area of the eligible structures and the length of occupation, as well as the amount of the reduced EGAPO calculated based on the EGAPO rates prevailing as at the date of the letter for their reference. After the application for Eminence Terrace I Sale Project is closed, the LandsD will re-calculate the amount based on the basic rates prevailing as at the commencing date of application for the Sale Project and will inform the applicants in writing of the exact amount of the reduced EGAPO as early as possible.

¹ According to the "Application Guide" of Sales Scheme of "Eminence Terrace I", "Category 1 Applications" refers to those affected by the Government's development clearance projects in the New Territories and confirmed by the Lands Department (LandsD) and the Hong Kong Housing Society (HKHS) that they have opted for the non-means-tested (NMT) rehousing arrangements and have their eligibility vetted by HKHS, who are (i) sitting licensees of Transitional Rental Housing (TRH) units in Rental Estates of HKHS or Public Rental Housing (PRH) of Hong Kong Housing Authority (HKHA); or (ii) eligible applicants awaiting the allocation of TRH units by HKHS/HKHA

- 4. When a household has successfully purchased a flat in the Eminence Terrace I Sale Project and completed the sale and purchase transaction after the execution of assignment, a cheque issued by the Government for the reduced EGAPO will be given to the household through the solicitor's firm whom is appointed by the HKHS.
- 5. Households affected by the development of Kwu Tung North and Fanling North New Development Areas or the development of Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen New Development Area may opt for the reduced Special Ex-gratia Cash Allowance (SEGCA) as an alternative to the reduced EGAPO. The reduced SEGCA to be offered to each household is up to a ceiling of \$500,000. For more information about this option, please contact the LandsD.

Domestic Removal Allowance (DRA)

6. In addition, if the households who live in TRH units have successfully purchased a flat in the Eminence Terrace I Sale Project, when they move into the DRE from the TRH units, they will be offered the DRA for the second time (the first time being moving into TRH units from their squatters) from the Government. The amount is calculated with reference to the rates prevailing as at the closing date of application for the Sale Project and the family sizes. The allowance will be disbursed to the households through HKHS offices when they move out of their TRH units.

Enquiries

- 7. For details about the applicable rates of EGAPO and DRA, please visit the LandsD's webpage at https://www.landsd.gov.hk/en/land-acq-clearance/land-resumption-clearance/acquisition-compensation/EGA-rate.html.
- 8. For enquiries, please contact the LandsD during office hours:

Lands Department

3529 2415 (for the reduced EGAPO and DRA)

The office hours are 8:45 am to 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm (except Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays).

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