



**Payment of Professional Fees
in connection with Compensation Claims involving
more than one professional**

A number of Ordinances relating to acquisition/resumption of land make provision for payment of costs or remuneration reasonably incurred by claimants in employing persons to act in a professional capacity in connection with their claims for compensation.

2. In certain acquisition/resumption cases, input from more than one professional is required for assessment and submission of compensation claims to Government. The costs or remuneration reasonably incurred or paid by claimants in employing these professionals are admissible.

3. The fees payable in employing more than one professional should be calculated on the claims from the different professionals involved with reference to the time, manpower and other resources engaged. Reasonableness as to quantum will be tested by the department. After the enactment of the Competition Ordinance (Cap. 619) on 14.12.2015, the practice of assessing professional fees claims based on the Scales of Professional Charges for General Practice Services in Hong Kong of the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors is no longer applicable.

4. The claimant may appoint one of the professionals to act as co-ordinator to handle the claim provided that the genuine need to appoint a co-ordinator can first be established. The costs or remuneration reasonably incurred or paid by the claimant in employing a co-ordinator are payable in addition to the fee(s) mentioned above. The reasonableness as to the amount of claim will be tested by the department.

5. LAO PN 1/96 is hereby superseded.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karen P Y Chan', written in a cursive style.

(Ms Karen P Y Chan)

Director of Lands (Acting)

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