

**Guidelines for candidates to apply for temporary occupation of
unallocated government land at public place
for holding electioneering activities during election period
Rural By-election (17 May 2026)**

Candidates must submit the attached application form for temporary occupation of government land (including public street, pavement, footbridge, public escalator systems and pedestrian tunnel) for holding electioneering activities, completed with the location/spot, application period, together with location plan (please download map from GeoInfo Map at <https://www.map.gov.hk/gm/?lg=en> and mark "X" to clearly indicate the position of each application location) and brief description of the proposed set up, to relevant District Lands Office (DLO) of Lands Department for consideration. If necessary, DLO can adjust the locations and the usage time of the government land applied for having due regards to the actual site condition and situation and the decision of DLO is final. Early application is always preferred as certain application locations may need longer time for consultation with other relevant departments.

DLO will only consider applications submitted by candidates after they have been validly nominated and when they are contested candidates, for occupation of an area not exceeding 2m² (not more than 1m X 2m) with a height not exceeding 2m for setting up of a manned street-counter, displaying of election advertisement (EA) which may include banners, roll up banners (易拉架) and/or flags/vertical flying poster/buntings (直旗) as and if specified in the application. In general, unless otherwise specified in the letter of no objection, the usage time of the approved dates for holding electioneering activities in the approved area is from 6:00 am to 11:00 pm. Candidates must not display EA outside the approved area.

(I) For the period during 30 April 2026 – 7 May 2026 (Candidates must obtain a valid nomination before they can start setting up and holding electioneering activities at the approved area):

- (a) Applications should be submitted and reach relevant DLO latest on 21 April 2026. Late application will not be considered.
- (b) If there are more than one application on a spot for the same period, applicants will be advised to negotiate among themselves to reach a compromise as far as possible. If no agreement is reached, DLO will arrange drawing of lots on 24 April 2026. The result of drawing lots is valid through the above captioned period in paragraph (I) (both start and end dates inclusive).
- (c) Result of the applications may be notified on or before 28 April 2026.

(II) For the period during 8 May 2026 – 16 May 2026:

- (a) Applications should be submitted and reach relevant DLO latest on 30 April 2026. Late application will not be considered.
- (b) If there are more than one application on a spot for the same period, applicants will be advised to negotiate among themselves to reach a compromise as far as possible. If no agreement is reached, DLO will arrange drawing of lots on 5 May 2026. The result of drawing lots is valid through the above captioned period in paragraph (II) (both start and end dates inclusive).
- (c) Result of the applications may be notified on or before 7 May 2026.

(III) On the Polling Day i.e. 17 May 2026:

- (a) Applications should be submitted and reach relevant DLO latest on 8 May 2026. Dependent on circumstances, late application may not be considered.
- (b) If there are more than one application on a spot for the same period, applicants will be advised to negotiate among themselves to reach a compromise as far as possible. If no agreement is reached, DLO will arrange drawing of lots on 13 May 2026.
- (c) Result of the applications may be notified on or before 15 May 2026.
- (d) Approval will not be given to application for conducting electioneering activities within No Canvassing Zone ("NCZ") / No Staying Zone ("NSZ"). If the application is approved but subsequently the relevant area is declared as NCZ/NSZ, the approval would be deemed to have been revoked.

Remarks :

- (a) Unless the relevant polling station is situated outside the boundary of their respective rural area, candidates should only submit applications to locations within the concerned rural area.
- (b) Depending on circumstances, applications reach relevant DLO after the deadline may not be considered.
- (c) Applications for holding electioneering activities on government land outside the above periods will not be considered.
- (d) Application for the temporary occupation of government land at public place for holding electioneering activities MUST use the attached application form and cannot be made through "Street Counter Pass".
- (e) One application may include all periods (subject to relevant application deadlines) and the application for the respective period will be processed separately by DLO according to the relevant submission deadline.
- (f) Display of EA is not permissible if and when the area/street-counter is not manned.
- (g) Applicants or their representatives will be invited to witness drawing of lots.
- (h) No fee is required for the above application.

Rural By-election (17 May 2026)
Application Form for Temporary Occupation of
Unallocated Government Land at Public Place
for holding electioneering activities

Candidate: _____ Rural Committees: _____
Contact Person: _____ *Election Type: Resident Representative /
Indigenous Inhabitant Representative
Contact Tel.: _____ Contact Email: _____

Responsible District Lands Office (DLO) (Candidates should apply only for area within their own rural geographical boundaries) [Remarks (c)]:

- Sha Tin Islands Tai Po
 Yuen Long North Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing

Period(s) of Application (Can select more than one period) [Remarks (a)&(d)]:

- 30 April 2026 – 7 May 2026 (Applications should be submitted and reach relevant DLO latest on 21 April 2026)
 8 May 2026 – 16 May 2026 (Applications should be submitted and reach relevant DLO latest on 30 April 2026)
 On the Polling Day i.e. 17 May 2026 (Applications should be submitted and reach relevant DLO latest on 8 May 2026)

Proposed Set Up (Please "✓" the appropriate box/boxes) [Remarks (e)]:

- Banners Roll Up Banners Flags Vertical Flying Poster Bunting
 Others: _____

- Location Plan(s) is/are attached in this application form (Please mark "X" to clearly indicate the position of each application location)**

Remarks:

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- b) Applications for holding electioneering activities on government land outside the above periods will not be considered.
- c) Unless the relevant polling station is situated outside their own rural geographical boundaries, candidates should apply only for area within their own rural geographical boundaries.
- d) One application may include all periods (subject to relevant application deadlines) and the application for the respective period will be processed separately by relevant DLO according to the relevant submission deadline.
- e) Occupation of the applied area does not exceed 2m² (not more than 1m X 2m) with a height not exceeding 2m.
- f) Unless otherwise specified in the letter of no objection, the usage time of the approved dates for holding electioneering activities in the approved area is from 6:00 am to 11:00 pm.
- g) Display of election advertisements is not permissible if and when the area/street-counter is not manned.
- h) Candidates must not display election advertisements outside the approved area.
- i) Candidates or their representatives will be invited to witness drawing of lots.
- j) No fee is required for the above application.

* Please delete as appropriate