

Announcement of Application List 2005/2006 on 4 March 2005

Enhancements to the Application System

A review of the Application System has recently been concluded and the following measures have been identified to enhance the System. These measures will be introduced with immediate effect:

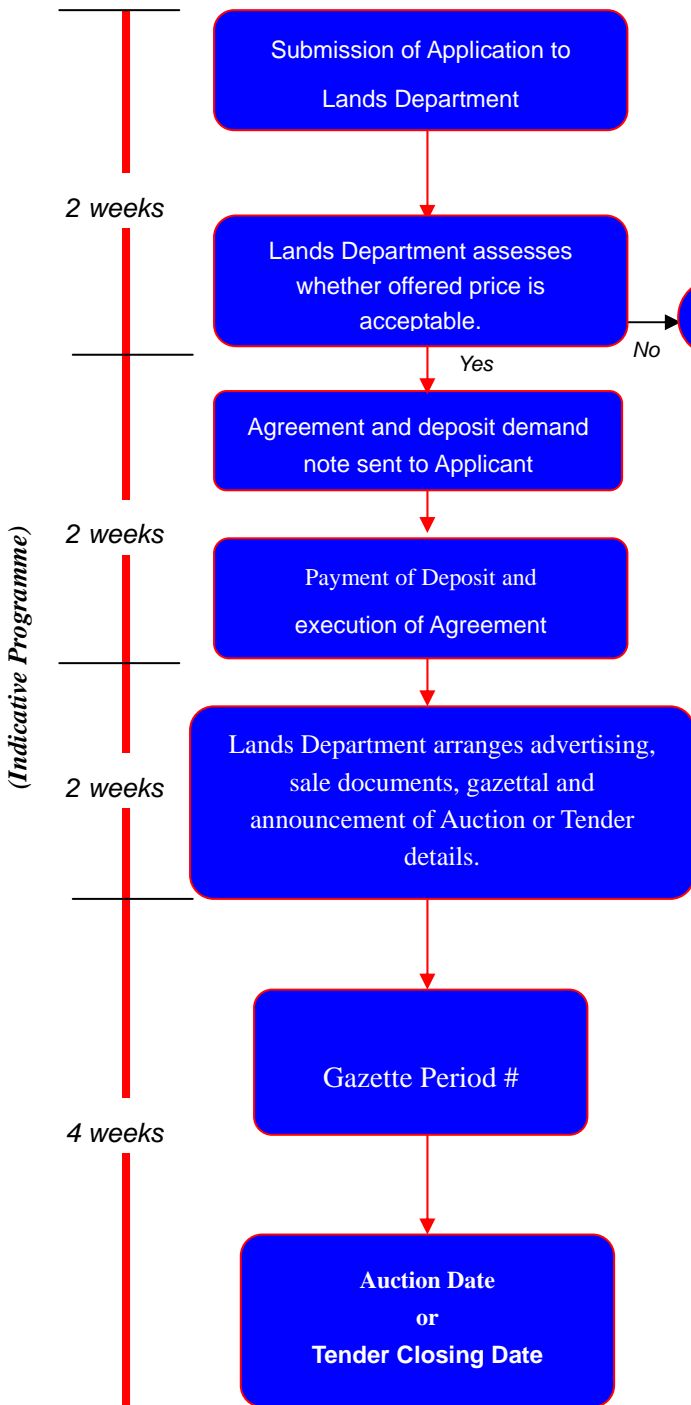
- (a) to simplify the deposit requirement by applying a simple rate of 10% of the bid price of the site, with the deposit subject to a maximum of \$50 million;
- (b) to require the formal Agreement with deposit to be submitted together with the initial application to trigger a site;
- (c) to shorten the period of public notice from three weeks to two;
and
- (d) to publish on a monthly basis the number of unsuccessful applications for each of the sites concerned on Lands Department's web site to improve transparency.

As a result of (b) and (c) above, the whole process will be shortened from around 10 weeks to about 7 weeks.

_____ A flow chart illustrating the difference between the existing and the new procedures is enclosed.

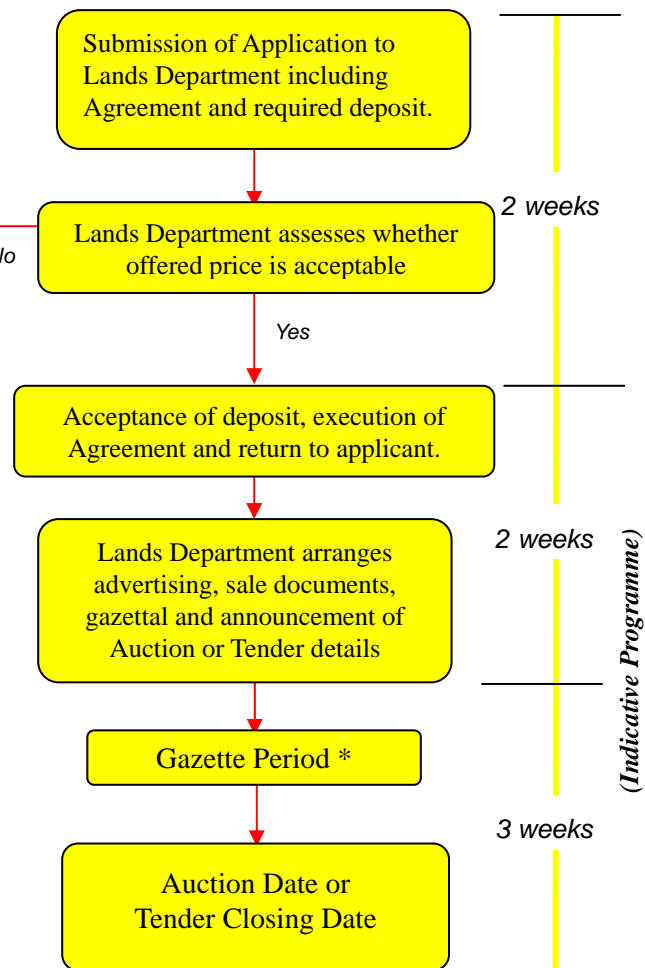
Comparison of New and Existing Application Procedures

Existing Procedures



(three consecutive weeks)

Revised Procedures



* (two consecutive weeks)