

Press release

Scheme \$6,000 accepts registrations from people born in 1966 or before

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The Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau reminded the public that Scheme \$6,000 will accept from tomorrow (September 25) registrations from holders of a valid Hong Kong permanent identity card born in 1957 to 1966. Those eligible persons born in 1956 or before who have not yet registered may still register.

Since its commencement on August 28, the overall operation of Scheme \$6,000 has been smooth. As at September 22, over 1.45 million registration forms had been received. To ensure successful registration, registrants must sign the registration form. Those who register through banks have to provide a local Hong Kong dollar bank account in their sole name (a joint bank account cannot be used for receiving payment under the Scheme), and submit the form to the bank specified for receiving payment.

A spokesman for the Bureau said the registration process is simple and convenient. Whether people register through banks or through Hongkong Post, there is no need to queue up for obtaining or submitting the forms in person. They may ask someone they trust to submit the form for them, or mail it to Hong Kong General Post Office Box No. 186000. Those who are e-banking users of the 14 banks concerned may also submit their registration via e-banking.

Starting from the first day of the registration period (i.e. Sunday), eligible persons may send the completed registration forms by post or register via e-banking. Eligible persons may also submit registration forms through drop boxes placed at the bank specified for receiving payment or at a post office during their opening hours from Mondays to Saturdays.

People who have registered through banks and are confirmed to be eligible will receive payment directly through their specified bank account in around 10 weeks after registration. People who submitted duplicate registrations or are yet to meet or do not meet the eligibility criteria will receive written notification. Some banks will also acknowledge receipt of registration by SMS. Registrants who wish to make an enquiry about their registration may call their bank specified for receiving payment 14 business days after submission.

The enquiry telephone numbers of the 21 retail banks are as follows:

	<u>Retail bank</u>	<u>Enquiry number</u>
1.	Bank of China (Hong Kong)	2105 8912
2.	Bank of Communications	2269 9000
3.	Bank of East Asia	2211 1828
4.	China Construction Bank (Asia)	2903 8363
5.	Chiyu Banking Corporation	2105 8939
6.	Chong Hing Bank	3768 6888
7.	Citibank	2860 0333
8.	CITIC Bank International	2287 6660
9.	Dah Sing Bank	2907 8462
10.	DBS Bank (Hong Kong)	2290 8005
11.	Fubon Bank	2566 8181
12.	Hang Seng Bank	2186 2086
13.	The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	8229 3380
14.	Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Asia)	2189 5588
15.	MEVAS Bank	2907 8462
16.	Nanyang Commercial Bank	2105 8943
17.	Public Bank (Hong Kong)	2853 4322
18.	Shanghai Commercial Bank	2818 0282
19.	Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong)	2178 6102
20.	Wing Hang Bank	2815 9919
21.	Wing Lung Bank	2616 2897

Eligible persons who have registered through Hongkong Post and are confirmed to be eligible will be notified by post to collect their cheque at the post office selected in around 12 weeks after registration. People who submitted duplicate registrations or are yet to meet or do not meet the eligibility criteria will receive written notification. Registrants who wish to make an enquiry about their registration may contact Hongkong Post on 2365 2727 fourteen business days after submission.

Members of the public are reminded to safeguard their personal data and guard against scams for obtaining personal data or money by deceit in the guise of Scheme \$6,000.

For more information about Scheme \$6,000, please visit www.scheme6000.gov.hk.

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