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“Construction Industry Caring Campaign - Fight against Novel Coronavirus”
Extending the Beneficiary Coverage of Workers

Hong Kong • 23 March 2020 – The novel coronavirus is raging throughout Hong Kong, the Construction Industry Council (CIC) has been joining hands with the industry to launch the “Construction Industry Caring Campaign - Fight against Novel Coronavirus” (Campaign) to provide monetary support to construction workers inflicted by the epidemic as well as caring support to their families. The Campaign’s Management Committee decided to extend the beneficiary coverage to seven trades of registered licenses recognised by governmental departments and public bodies with effect from today. New beneficiaries include:

1. Registered Electrical Workers under the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD);
2. Registered Lift Workers under EMSD;
3. Registered Escalator Workers under EMSD;
4. Registered Gas Installers under EMSD;
5. Licensed Plumbers under the Water Supplies Department;
6. Registered Fire Service Installation Contractors (Individual) Class 3 under the Fire Services Department; and
7. Registered Minor Works Contractors (Individual) - Class III under the Buildings Department

Monetary Support:

Target Beneficiaries	Rate (HK\$)	Limit (HK\$)
Worker placed in compulsory quarantine	\$300 per day	\$4,200
Worker diagnosed with novel coronavirus	\$500 per day	\$100,000
Immediate family of deceased worker infected with novel coronavirus	\$100,000 in a lump sum	---

(Remark: For workers who receive the compulsory quarantine for arrivals from the Mainland on or after 17 February 2020 are not eligible for the scheme.)



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Mr. CHEUNG Wing-ho, Chairman of The Federation of Hong Kong Electrical & Mechanical Industry Trades Unions said, “In response to novel coronavirus, the construction industry unites and be strong, launching the Construction Industry Caring Campaign – Fight against Novel Coronavirus, and one of the tasks is to provide allowance to workers who placed in compulsory quarantine. Electrical and Mechanical Services industry is one of the branches in the construction industry and a trade at an advanced stage in construction projects, some of the workers from property maintenance and repair are not necessarily required to work at construction sites, therefore they may not apply for workers registration card. I am glad to hear that the Campaign extends its beneficiary coverage to seven trades with registered licenses recognised by governmental departments and public bodies. It is a recognition and it shows supports to them. I hope all construction workers perform their duties diligently and fight the virus. Together we can win.”

In addition, the Campaign also provides caring support to successful applicants and their immediate families, including (a) to make caring calls; (b) to purchase and deliver basic necessities; (c) to coordinate industry care resources; (d) to send “Caring Pack”; and (e) referral to social groups and professional services. **Applications and relevant documents could be submitted to 9764 1945 through WhatsApp and WeChat.**

For more details, please visit: http://www.cic.hk/eng/main/caring_campaign/

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About the Construction Industry Council

The Construction Industry Council (CIC) was formed in 2007 under the Construction Industry Council Ordinance (Cap. 587). The CIC consists of a chairman and 24 members representing various sectors of the industry including employers, professionals, academics, contractors, workers, independent persons and Government officials.

The main functions of the CIC are to forge consensus on long-term strategic issues, convey the industry's needs and aspirations to the Government, provide professional training and registration services, and serve as a communication channel between the Government and the construction industry.

Please visit www.cic.hk for further details.

Construction Industry Caring Campaign

Fight against Novel Coronavirus



The Construction Industry Council joins hands with the industry to launch this Caring Campaign to provide monetary support to construction workers inflicted by the epidemic as well as caring support to their families, instilling positive energy to the community.



Newly Added Beneficiaries*

- Registered Electrical Workers
- Registered Escalator Workers
- Licensed Plumbers
- Registered Fire Service Installation Contractors (Individual) Class 3
- Registered Minor Works Contractors (Individual) Class III
- Registered Lift Workers
- Registered Gas Installers

* Remarks: Applicant shall hold the registration card / license issued by the HKSAR Electrical and Mechanical Services Department / Water Supplies Department / Fire Services Department / Buildings Department

Monetary Assistance

Worker placed in compulsory quarantine	HK\$300 per day	Limit: HK\$4,200
Worker infected with Novel Coronavirus	HK\$500 per day	Limit: HK\$100,000
Immediate family of deceased worker infected with Novel Coronavirus	HK\$100,000 in a lump sum	—

 Caring Support includes the caring pack and professional service referral

Application: Submit via  WhatsApp /  WeChat to 9764 1945

Target Beneficiaries:

Registered construction workers and designated registered workers* (with a valid Construction Workers Registration Card / Registration Card or License) and:

- Registered as a construction worker / designated worker* before 17 February 2020
- Received / Receiving a compulsory quarantine or diagnosed with Novel Coronavirus

Remarks: For workers who receive the compulsory quarantine for arrivals from the Mainland on or after 17 February 2020 are not eligible for the scheme

Get the details:
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