

## Construction Industry Council

### Construction Industry “Anti-epidemic Fund”

#### Application Details

##### **Background**

In light of the development of the Novel Coronavirus Pneumonia, the HKSAR government is committed to support the construction industry to fight against the virus. The Construction Industry “Anti-epidemic Fund” has been set up and, through the Construction Industry Council (CIC), eligible registered construction workers will each receive a subsidy of HK\$1,500 for the purchase of personal protective / antiseptic equipment against novel coronavirus infection.

##### **Eligibility**

Applicants must be registered construction workers, and during the period from 1 January 2019 to 19 February 2020 have daily attendance records in the submission by principal contractors under the Construction Workers Registration Ordinance (Cap. 583).

##### **Application Period**

From 24 February 2020 until 31 August 2020.

##### **Documents required for submitting applications**

- 1) Construction Workers Registration Card;
- 2) Mobile Phone Number for contact purpose; and
- 3) Image of bank account document for auto-payment of subsidy, such as the first page of the bank book, bank card, bank statement etc. (the document should clearly show the bank name, name of account holder and account number); **OR**,
- 4) For applicant who does not have a bank account, the applicant may

choose to have the subsidy paid by bearer cheque to be mailed to his/her home address. The applicant is required to declare that he/she has no bank account and acknowledge that the subsidy will be paid in 5-6 weeks. The applicant must provide image of address proof which must be public utilities statement within the past 3 months, such as water bill, electricity bill etc. (the document should clearly show applicant's name and address.).

### How to Apply

- 1) Applications must be made by electronic means.
- 2) Applicants have to download the “Safety App (安全錦囊)” App first. Please refer to the attached guidelines for download.

### Simple Steps to submit Application

- 1) Please open the downloaded “Safety App (安全錦囊)” App.
- 2) Choose the “Construction Industry “Anti-epidemic Fund””.
- 3) Carefully read the “Terms and Conditions”, and press “AGREE”.
- 4) Enter your Construction Workers Registration Card number (*If the applicant meets the application requirements, he/she will be able to proceed with the application, otherwise the procedure will be stopped here*).
- 5) Enter a mobile phone number for contact purpose.
- 6) Enter information of the bank account to receive the subsidy, including bank name, name of account holder (the account holder must be the applicant or a joint account which include the applicant), as well as the account number, **OR**, (for applicant who does not have a bank account) his/her home address.
- 7) Upload the image of supporting document of the above bank account **OR**, (for applicant who does not have a bank account) the image of the document proof of his/her home address. (please note that the upload image should clearly show the information as indicated above, otherwise the application may not be successful and re-submission of application may be required.)
- 8) Review all the information entered, press “CONFIRM” and the application procedure is completed.
- 9) The applicant will immediately receive a confirmation number for record purpose, the applicant will also receive an SMS message via

mobile phone on the same day.

### Verification

- ✧ Upon receipt of the application, CIC will verify the information as soon as possible.
- ✧ CIC or its authorised authorities may contact the applicant via SMS message if there is a need to further confirm the information submitted.
- ✧ CIC will verify all applications according to applicant's eligibility, but will reserve the right regarding the final decision on whether an applicant is eligible for the subsidy.
- ✧ Any failure to submit all of the above documents or information, misrepresentation or omission of any information, provision of incomplete and/or incorrect information may lead to cancellation of the application and re-submission of application is required.

### Release of Subsidy

Applicants will normally receive the subsidy **within 2 to 3 weeks** (via auto-payment) / **within 5-6 weeks** (via bearer cheque mailed to applicant's home address) after they have successfully submitted the application. The applicants will be notified via SMS message once the auto-payment is made or when the bearer cheque is mailed.

### Incorrect Information Submitted and Change of Information

If applicants have submitted incorrect information, for example, bank account/ home address information does not match with the uploaded image, the uploaded image is unclear etc, which may lead to the cancellation of application, CIC will contact the applicants via SMS message to request the applicants to re-submit their applications.

Once the application is submitted, the applicant cannot request change of bank account. If an applicant wants to change other information, please call the Telephone hotline and quote the confirmation number. CIC will first cancel the application and will request the applicant to re-submit application.

## Enquiries

All enquiries can be addressed through the following channels:

Telephone hotline	3199-7377	Manned service hours Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Email	<a href="mailto:PPEFund-1@cic.hk">PPEFund-1@cic.hk</a>	Replies will normally be made within one day.

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