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## **The CIC Fully Supports Workers Engaged in Maintenance Works on External Walls**

**Hong Kong • 5 December 2025** – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) announced that, following the Development Bureau's earlier directive requiring the removal of scaffold protective nets currently used in large-scale building maintenance works, short-term job opportunities for workers engaged in maintenance works on external walls (including Plumber, Window Frame Installer, Painter and Decorator, Plasterer, Bamboo Scaffolder, etc.) may be affected. After joint deliberation with the Development Bureau, the CIC will introduce measures to support workers in the relevant trades.

Collaborating with trade unions and training institutions, the quota for the current Multi-skilled/Skill Enhancement courses will be expanded. These courses are tuition-free and include subsidies. The CIC will offer various training courses to those workers, and upon completing the courses (ranging from 50 to 106 hours), workers who successfully obtain the qualification of Registered Semi-skilled Workers will be eligible for an allowance of up to HK\$14,000, while those obtaining the Registered Skilled Worker qualification can receive HK\$19,000. A total of 5,000 training places will be reserved to meet the demand.

Applications for the course will open at 09:00 on Monday, 8 December, with the aim of helping affected workers enhance their skills and safeguard their livelihoods.

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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](http://www.cic.hk) for further details.