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**Second Round Construction Industry “Anti-epidemic Fund”
Opens for Workers’ Applications**

Hong Kong • 18 May 2020 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) announces that the second round of the Construction Industry “Anti-epidemic Fund” (the Fund) provided by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region is open for applications from workers today and will end on 31 August 2020. The second round of measures are to provide further assistance to **construction workers (a subsidy of HK\$7,500)** hard hit by the current epidemic.

Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC said, “Due to the Covid-19 epidemic, the livelihoods of frontline construction workers are affected. This time, the government provides an additional HK\$4.3 billion to the construction industry. The CIC has been proactively tying in with the second round of the Fund provided by the government, and consolidated the data of 500,000 registered construction workers in a very short period of time, quickened the update of “Safety App” mobile app for construction workers’ applications, as well as developed an online platform for enquiry. We spare no effort to speed up the disbursement of the subsidy to the industry, and address their pressing needs.”

Eligible construction workers must have possessed valid construction workers registration cards or construction-related qualifications with valid registration documents between 1 January 2019 and 8 April 2020. In order to speed up the process, workers granted the first round of subsidy will be automatically carried over to the second round of subsidy and need not re-submit. They will receive the second round of subsidy through the same submitted bank accounts.

Workers who possessed valid construction workers registration cards but without Daily Attendance Records between 1 January 2019 and 19 February 2020 can apply for the first round (extension) subsidy of HK\$1,000, together with the second round subsidy of HK\$7,500 as one go from today onwards.



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Eligible workers have to download the updated “Safety App” mobile app, fill in the information and upload all required documents to apply, including a Construction Workers Registration Card Number/relevant registration numbers, HKID, contact number, and personal bank account information with proof which is under the same name of the applicant. After receiving and verifying all the information, the CIC will directly deposit the subsidy into the applicant's bank account through auto-payment within four weeks.

The “Safety App” has already been renewed and is now ready to accept applications.

Enquiry hotline: 3199 7377

For more details, please visit website:

www.cic.hk/eng/main/anti_epidemic_fund_2nd

The second round of Construction Industry “Anti-epidemic Fund” – Introductory Video and the second round of Construction Industry “Anti-epidemic Fund” – Video on Frequently Asked Questions are now available: www.youtube.com/hkcic



“Safety App” mobile app
(Android &iOS)

(Please refer to the relevant posters of
the second round of the Construction Industry “Anti-epidemic Fund” on page 3 and 4)

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CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ANTI-EPIDEMIC FUND

Registered Construction Workers

First Round of Subsidy

Between 1 January 2019
and 19 February 2020

Possessed Daily
Attendance Records*

Can apply for
a subsidy of
HK\$1,500

- Workers granted the first round of subsidy will be automatically carried over to the second round of subsidy and need not re-apply. They have already received the subsidy through the same submitted bank account.

No Daily Attendance Records*
between 1 January 2019 and
19 February 2020 but

Possessed valid
construction workers
registration cards

Can apply for
a subsidy of
HK\$1,000

- Eligible workers who have never applied before can apply for both rounds of subsidy through the updated "Safety App".

- Apply both first and second rounds of subsidy through the updated "Safety App".

* Daily Attendance Records in the submission by principal contractors under the Construction Workers Registration Ordinance (Cap. 583)



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Enquiry



Remarks: Each eligible applicant will only be granted the first and second rounds of subsidy once.



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Application until 31 August 2020.

Construction Industry Council reserves the right to modify or amend the Terms and Conditions of the Anti-epidemic Fund from time to time.

**Second
Round**



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ANTI-EPIDEMIC FUND

Non-Registered Construction Workers

A Subsidy of HK\$7,500

- ✓ Registered Electrical Workers under Electricity Ordinance
- ✓ Competent Persons under Electricity Supply Lines (Protection) Regulation
- ✓ Registered Gas Installers under Gas Safety Ordinance
- ✓ Registered Lift/Escalator Engineers and Workers under Lifts and Escalators Ordinance
- ✓ Licensed Plumbers under Waterworks Ordinance
- ✓ Registered Fire Service Installation Contractors in Class 3 under the Fire Service (Installation Contractors) Regulations
- ✓ Registered Minor Works Contractors (individual) and Registered Inspectors under Buildings Ordinance
- ✓ Registered Examiners under Builders' Lifts and Tower Working Platforms (Safety) Ordinance

(The aforementioned persons must have possessed valid registration documents between 1 January 2019 and 8 April 2020)

How to Apply: Application through the updated "Safety App"



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Remarks: Each eligible applicant can only apply for the second round subsidy once. Applicant who possesses more than one of the above qualifications and/or is a registered construction worker can only apply once.



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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.