

- Cap. 349, Laws of Hong Kong -

Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance

Improving the Licensing Regime •
Facilitating Enforcement Actions • Enhancing Deterrence



Key Points of The Licensing Regime



No-use Restriction Requirement

“Fit and Proper” Requirement



Suitability Requirement



Differentiation of “Hotel Licence” and “Guesthouse Licence”



Local Consultation

No-use Restriction Requirement

DMC /
Government lease



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Solicitor's letter

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The lease of the concerned premises has no restrictive provisions from being used as a hotel / guesthouse.



The licence applicant should provide the solicitor's letter as proof.



Suitability Requirement

LICENSEE
MUST

- Operate, keep, manage the hotel/guesthouse under the continuous and personal supervision
- Ensure the premises in a proper condition
- Satisfy the building and fire safety requirements



✓ The Licensee must fulfill the "Fit and Proper" Requirement



The Authority will consider whether the applicant or related person is a fit and proper person to operate, keep, and manage a hotel or guesthouse.



Have not committed any offence under the Ordinance or any other serious offence



Not an undischarged bankrupt



Not in liquidation or the subject of a winding-up order



* The Authority will consider the relevant conviction records of an applicant or any related person for not less than 5 years preceding the date of application.

Star ~~Guesthouse~~ HOTEL

Differentiation of

“Hotel Licence” and “Guesthouse Licence”

Guesthouse is prohibited from using the word 「酒店」 or “hotel” in their business names.

持牌賓館(一般)
Licensed Guesthouse (General)



有效期至:
Valid until:

XX-XX-XXXX

房間數目:
No. of Room:

10

名稱:
Name:

Star Guesthouse

牌照編號:
Licence No:

XXXXXXXXX

Local Consultation



The Advisory Panel on Licensing of Hotels and Guesthouses may conduct local consultation when necessary



Enforcement and Prosecution Against Unlicensed Hotels and Guesthouses!

According to the Ordinance

- ◆ The owners and tenants should ensure that the premises are not to operate as unlicensed hotel or guesthouse.

- ◆ Enforcement officers are empowered to apply for a search warrant to inspect and collect evidence of the unlicensed premises.



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- ◆ The maximum penalty to \$500,000 and imprisonment to 3 years.

- ◆ Issuing a closure order to the premises of repeat offence for 6 months.

Other Information and Enquiries

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FAQ



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