

\$2,500 per building for the first (first 2 years) and second (the following 2 years) cycles respectively.

If rectification works and/or water quality tests are recommended in the water safety risk assessment mentioned in item (a) above for controlling the water safety risks, WSD will arrange a consultant to assess the scope of the recommended rectification works and/or water quality tests and conduct an independent cost estimation for deciding the amount of any additional subsidy for carrying out the rectification works and/or water quality tests. This additional subsidy will be subject to a cap of \$250,000 per building.

The rectification works mentioned above must comply with the relevant legislations. The subsidy will cover the relevant consultancy fee. The applicant should avoid receipt of double benefit for carrying out the rectification works. If subsidies have already been granted to the applicant on the same rectification works from other schemes, for example, "Operation Building Bright 2.0", "Common Area Repair Works Subsidy", etc., Subsidy for the same works will not be granted under WSPSS.

Note 4 : The QPs must have received WSPB trainings. A list of such trained QPs is available on WSD's webpage: [https://www.wsd.gov.hk/filemanager/en/content\\_1734/list-of-qualified-person-trained-in-wsp.pdf](https://www.wsd.gov.hk/filemanager/en/content_1734/list-of-qualified-person-trained-in-wsp.pdf)

Note 5 : One cycle of implementation of WSPB typically covers a 2-year period. The tasks as required in WSPB in each cycle include implementing control measures for water safety risks, specific checkings, regular maintenance of the internal plumbing system, audits of implementation of WSPB and reviews of WSPB.

Note 6 : WSPB requires annual specific checking by QP, on aspects including whether there is adequate water pressure in the internal plumbing system of building, whether the plumbing installation functions normally, etc.

The details of the above content are subject to the "Application Notes for WSPSS".

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## Water Safety Plan Subsidy Scheme

The Chief Executive announced in the 2019 Policy Address the Government's plan to launch a Water Safety Plan Subsidy Scheme (WSPSS) to encourage property owners and management agents to implement water safety plan for buildings (WSPB) at their premises in order to further safeguard drinking water safety in buildings in Hong Kong.

### Eligibility Criteria

Building participating in WSPSS must meet the following criteria:

- It should be private residential or composite (commercial and residential) building (including building held by Civil Servants' Co-operative Building Societies); and
- The average annual rateable value of all the domestic units in the building should not exceed the ceiling as given in the table below:

District	Average annual rateable value ceiling of all the domestic units <sup>Note 1</sup>
Urban areas (including Sha Tin, Kwai Tsing and Tsuen Wan districts)	\$162,000
The New Territories (excluding Sha Tin, Kwai Tsing and Tsuen Wan districts)	\$124,000

WSPSS does not cover those buildings with three storeys or less <sup>Note 2</sup>.

Note 1 : The ceilings are calculated based on the average annual rateable value of all the domestic units of a building as of 2017/18. Buildings completed after 2017/18 will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Note 2 : As the internal plumbing systems of these buildings are relatively simple and the portions of communal

parts are insignificant, the water safety risk of their internal plumbing systems is relatively low. The drinking water safety of these buildings could be enhanced by making reference to the relevant measures at WSD's webpage:  
<https://www.wsd.gov.hk/filemanager/en/share/pdf/ws-tips-e.pdf>

### Application Method

Applicant must be owners' corporation (OC), owners' committee or Civil Servants' Co-operative Building Society (CBS) of the building.

Those buildings without OCs, owners' committees or CBSs will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

(a) Open date for application: **13<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

(b) Application form and application notes can be downloaded from the Water Supplies Department (WSD)'s webpage or obtained from WSD's Customer Enquiry Centres, respective Home Affairs Enquiry Centres, and the Urban Renewal Authority's Urban Renewal Resource Centre at Fuk Tsun Street, Tai Kok Tsui as well as Building Rehabilitation Division at Cheung Sha Wan Office.

(c) The application form and all the necessary documents <sup>Note 3</sup> can be submitted through the following channels:

(i) **Online:**

Webpage: <https://www.wsd.gov.hk/wspss>

(ii) **By post** to the following address:

47<sup>th</sup> Floor, Immigration Tower, 7 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong

(iii) **In person** to any WSD's Customer Enquiry Centres

Application for WSPSS is on a per building basis. Applicant may choose to submit joint applications for more than one building of the same housing estate.

WSPSS is operated on a first-come-first-served basis. Applications having the same date of receipt will be sorted in order by drawing of lots.

- For online application, the date of receipt should refer to the date on which the acknowledgement for receipt of application is issued via the online application platform.
- For application by post, the date of receipt should refer to the postmark date.
- For application in person, the date of receipt should refer to the date of receipt by WSD.

If the application form is incomplete or any necessary document is missing, the date of receipt should refer to the date when the duly completed application form and all the necessary documents are received.

Note 3: The necessary documents to be submitted with the application form should be referred to the "Application Notes for WSPSS".

### Scope Covered by the Subsidy Scheme and Subsidy Amount

WSPSS will subsidise the following items:

- formulation of WSPB including water safety risk assessment on the internal plumbing system of the building by qualified person (QP) <sup>Note 4</sup>, subject to a cap of \$10,000 per building;
- during the first and second cycles <sup>Note 5</sup> of the implementation of WSPB, regular maintenance (including cleansing of the water tanks) for the internal plumbing system and specific checkings by QP <sup>Note 6</sup> as required in WSPB, subject to a cap of \$32,500 and \$10,000 per building for the first (first 2 years) and second (the following 2 years) cycles respectively; and
- audits of the implementation of WSPB and reviews of WSPB as required in WSPB during the first and second cycles of implementation, if independent party is engaged for the tasks, subject to a cap of \$5,000 and