### Allocation of niches

- All niches, irrespective of their level and orientation on a niche wall, will be allocated to successful applicants by drawing of lots and computer random balloting rather than self-chosen. Any requests to change or select a niche will not be accepted.
- FEHD will **notify the successful applicants by WhatsApp/SMS** and email or post of their application number and the serial number of the designated niche allocated by drawing of lots and computer random balloting. Applicants can also check the results of their applications immediately after the drawing of lots and computer random balloting at FEHD website, or on the following day at Hong Kong or Kowloon Cemeteries and Crematoria Office, Public Niche Allocation Office or enquiry hotline 2841 9111 through interactive voice response system.
- FEHD will inform the successful applicants of the date and time of completing the allocation formalities and paying the relevant fees by WhatsApp/ SMS/ Email or post according to their priorities.
- The applicant can make use of the niche location enquiry system on FEHD website to enquire the location of the concerned niche. If the applicant decides to take up the designated niche, successful applicant who submitted online application and fulfilled certain criteria can use "Single Portal with Token for Online Services and Payment" to pay the prescribed fee online for completing the niche allocation formalities. Other applicants must produce the invitation letter and the originals of the required documents submitted during application and complete the niche allocation formalities and settle the payment at the Public Niche Allocation Office according to the scheduled date and time. If the applicant decides not to take up the niche, does not show up at the designated office as scheduled to complete the allocation formalities or settle the payment, the application will be considered to have been processed and the niche given up.
- The applicant can settle payment by "EPS", "FPS", cheque or cashier order and complete the transaction over the allocation counter. For cheque and cashier order payment, they must be made payable to "The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region" in the amount of HK\$2,490 for standard niche or HK\$3,090 for large niche; and the cheque must be crossed.

## Interment period of extendable niches

- All niches in this allocation exercise are extendable niches. The applicant has to provide in the application form the personal particulars of the related persons to FEHD for contact on matters relating to extension/handling of ashes after expiry of the interment period. If there are any changes of nominated representatives or the contact details, the related persons should inform FEHD accordingly.
- After allocation of a niche, the initial interment period is 20 years and can be extended at 10-year intervals thereafter upon payment of the prevailing prescribed fee.
- On expiry of the 20-year/10-year interment period, as long as the related person(s) confirm(s) extension of the interment period and pay(s) the prevailing prescribed fee and complete(s) the procedural formalities, the use of the allocated niche can be continued.

## Details of Cemeteries and Crematoria Offices

- Hong Kong Cemeteries and Crematoria Office
   Address: 1J Wong Nai Chung Road, Happy Valley
   Tel: 2570 4318 Fax: 2591 1879
- Kowloon Cemeteries and Crematoria Office
   Address: Upper Ground Floor, 6 Cheong Hang Road, Hung Hom
   Tel: 2365 5321 Fax: 2176 4963
- Public Niche Allocation Office
   Address: Units 3501-3511 & 3520-3525, 35/F, Tower 1, Metroplaza,
   223 Hing Fong Road, Kwai Fong, N.T.

Tel: 2330 5635 Fax: 2333 1716

#### Office hours

- Monday to Friday: From 9am to 1pm and from 2pm to 5pm
- Saturday: From 9am to 12 noon (except Public Niche Allocation Office)
- Sunday and public holidays: Closed

## **Enquiries**

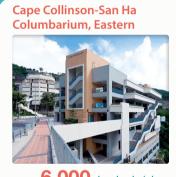
- Enquiry hotline: 2841 9111
- Email: enquiry\_newniche@fehd.gov.hk
- Website: www.fehd.gov.hk/english/cc/newniche\_wohopshek\_ capecollinson2025.html



# Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

# Allocation of New Public Niches

The FEHD will allocate new extendable niches at Wo Hop Shek Columbarium Phase VI, Fanling, Cape Collinson-San Ha Columbarium, Eastern and Shek Mun Columbarium, Sha Tin



6,000 standard niches
50 large niches



Shek Mun Columbarium,

Online
Application Form





FEHD recommends applicant to use online application. If the applicant (i) had previous completed niche application in or after 2019 or (ii) was also the applicant of cremation service, it is more convenient to complete application form online without needing to attach copies of the required document, and can use "Single Portal with Token for Online Services and Payment" to pay the prescribed fee online and complete the niche allocation formalities in a self-service manner after successful balloting, without the need to visit the Public Niche Allocation Office in person to settle payment and verifying documents. (please refer to application forms or FEHD's website for details)

## Application period

## From 19/5/2025 to 18/6/2025

• Location, type and quantity of new niches to be allocated (no limit on the number of sets of ashes to be placed in each niche):

Columbarium	Quantity of standard niches	Quantity of large niches
Wo Hop Shek Phase VI	4,000 ( 2,000 smoke-free niches ) ( 2,000 non-smoke-free niches )	50 ( 25 smoke-free niches ) ( 25 non-smoke-free niches )
Cape	<b>6,000</b> (3,000 smoke-free niches)	<b>50</b> ( 25 smoke-free niches )
Collinson-San Ha	(3,000 non-smoke-free niches)	( 25 non-smoke-free niches )

Remark: In this niche allocation exercise, the quantity of available niche may be adjusted according to the application situation. As the quantity of each type of niches (standard/large; smoke-free/non-smoke-free) available for allocation is different, and the chance of successful allocation would also vary. There is no guarantee that eligible applications will allocate with a niche successfully.

Shek Mun Columbarium is a totally smoke-free columbarium and totally devoid of facilities for burning offerings or joss sticks.

## Means of Application

- The applicant should only file one application form to apply for either a standard or large niche for the same deceased person. FEHD will only process one application for each deceased.
- For application for a standard niche, the applicant has to fill in at least one deceased person's particulars in the application form. For application for a large niche, the applicant has to fill in at least three deceased persons' particulars in the application form.
- The other deceased persons listed in the application form should be a close relative\* of or in close relationship with the first deposited deceased person. The niche should be returned to FEHD if the cremated ashes of the first deceased person deposited in that niche have been removed.
- \* Close relative means the spouse, parent, grandparent, grandparent-in-law, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law or a direct descendant of either the male or female line.
- If the applicant opts for a standard niche, he/she should choose only one of the following 7 items:

Opt for smoke-free standard niche	1	Wo Hop Shek Columbarium Phase VI smoke-free standard niche ( available niche: 2,000 )
	2	Cape Collinson-San Ha Columbarium smoke-free standard niche ( available niche: 3,000 )
	3	Shek Mun Columbarium smoke-free standard niche ( available niche: 6,000 )
Opt for non-smoke-free standard niche	4	Wo Hop Shek Columbarium Phase VI non-smoke-free standard niche ( available niche: 2,000 )
	5	Cape Collinson-San Ha Columbarium non-smoke-free standard niche ( available niche: 3,000 )
Opt for any Wo Hop Shek Columbarium Phase VI standard niche	6	Wo Hop Shek Columbarium Phase VI smoke-free or non-smoke-free standard niche ( available niche: 4,000 )
Opt for any Cape Collinson-San Ha Columbarium standard niche	7	Cape Collinson-San Ha Columbarium smoke-free or non-smoke-free standard niche ( available niche: 6,000 )

• If the applicant opts for a large niche, he/she should choose only one of the following 7 items:

Opt for smoke-free large niche	1	Wo Hop Shek Columbarium Phase VI smoke-free large niche ( available niche: 25 )
	2	Cape Collinson-San Ha Columbarium smoke-free large niche ( available niche: 25 )
	3	Shek Mun Columbarium smoke-free large niche (available niche: 50 )
Opt for non-smoke-free large niche	4	Wo Hop Shek Columbarium Phase VI non-smoke-free large niche ( available niche: 25 )
	5	Cape Collinson-San Ha Columbarium non-smoke-free large niche ( available niche: 25 )
Opt for any Wo Hop Shek Columbarium Phase VI large niche	6	Wo Hop Shek Columbarium Phase VI smoke-free or non-smoke-free large niche ( available niche: 50 )
Opt for any Cape Collinson-San Ha Columbarium large niche		Cape Collinson-San Ha Columbarium smoke-free or non-smoke-free large niche ( available niche: 50 )

Note: The quantity of niches differs in each item and this has direct influence on the chance of successful allocation. The higher the quantity of niches, the greater the chance of successful allocation will relatively be. Only smoke-free niches are available in Shek Mun Columbarium. Burning incense and offerings in the venue is prohibited.

• During the application period, the application form can be downloaded from the FEHD website (www.fehd.gov.hk) or obtained in person from the FEHD Hong Kong Cemeteries and Crematoria Office, Kowloon Cemeteries and Crematoria Office, District Environmental Hygiene Offices, Home Affairs Enquiry Centres or by fax through enquiry hotline 2841 9111.

- The completed application form together with copies of the required documents\* can be submitted by fax (2333 1716), email (apply\_newniche@fehd.gov.hk) or putting into the drop-in boxes at the FEHD Hong Kong Cemeteries and Crematoria Office or Kowloon Cemeteries and Crematoria Office or by post to the above offices. The applicant can also fill in the online application form, upload the required documents in pdf or jpeg format and submit the application online.
- \* Required documents:
- (1) A copy of the applicant's Hong Kong Identity Card;
- (2) A copy of each deceased person's Hong Kong Identity Card or other documentary proof of the deceased's Hong Kong resident status;
- (3) A copy of the "Permit to Take Away Cremated Ashes" [If a cremation session has been successfully booked before the end of the application period, i.e. a cremation session within 15 days after the expiry of application period, the applicant can also submit the application form with the "Receipt of Fee for Cremation", and then submit the "Permit to Take Away Cremated Ashes" soonest possible after receiving.] or "Certificate of Cremation" or "Permit to Remove/Exhume Remains" of each deceased person;
- (4) A copy of the documentary proof showing the date of death of each of the deceased persons if such information is not available in the "Permit to Take Away Cremated Ashes" or "Certificate of Cremation"; and
- (5) A copy of the documentary proof showing that the first deposited deceased person and the other deceased persons listed in the application form are close relatives or in close relationship (if applicable).
- In order to expedite the allocation process, applicants must note that applications which are not supported with all necessary documents or information, or late or duplicated applications will not be accepted.
- FEHD would issue an acknowledgement receipt with an application number to the applicant by post, fax or email (depending on the submission means of the application) normally within ten calendar days from the date of receipt of a duly completed application form. If the applicant does not receive an acknowledgement receipt 10 calendar days after submitting the application, he/she should call 2841 9111 for enquiries.