

Buddhist Wai Chuen Monastery's
Temporary Suspension of Liability (TSOL) Application

“Approval-in-principle for TSOL Application”

Having considered the progress of the actions taken and the documents submitted by the applicant to comply with requirements for this exemption application submitted together with the TSOL application and the comments offered by the concerned departments, the Private Columbaria Licensing Board (PCLB) decided to extend the validity period of this “Approval-in-principle for TSOL Application” for 3 years from 7 January 2025 to 6 January 2028. The PCLB issued the notification to the applicant on 2 January 2025, informing of the above decision. During the validity period, the applicant should take all necessary steps with reasonable expedition according to the revised action plan with timetable (as submitted to and accepted by the PCLB for compliance with the relevant application requirements of TSOL) to achieve compliance with all the requirements for the exemption application submitted together with the TSOL application. The application for TSOL has not been determined by the PCLB.

Please note that an “Approval-in-principle for TSOL Application” does not mean that the application for an exemption in respect of the columbarium concerned will be approved eventually. If the applicant fails to comply with all the requirements in respect of the exemption application submitted together with the TSOL application by the expiry of the validity period of the “Approval-in-principle for TSOL Application”, the PCLB will consider determining the whole set of application directly and may refuse the whole set of applications. Under such circumstances, the columbarium concerned will have to cease operation and dispose of the ashes interred in the columbarium in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Private Columbaria Ordinance.

If the applicant has complied with all the requirements in respect of the application for an exemption submitted together with the TSOL application during the validity period of the “Approval-in-principle for TSOL Application”, the PCLB will consider holding an open meeting to examine the relevant application with a view to determining the application for exemption directly.