

Po Lam Po Tung Pagoda's
Exemption Application
“Approval-in-principle for Exemption Application”

Based on the documents submitted by the applicant so far, the Private Columbaria Licensing Board (the Licensing Board) is of the view that this application for exemption is basically in compliance with the application requirements for exemption except for the land-related requirement, requirement of right to use of the premises and those requirements related to the register on niches under section 24 of the Private Columbaria Ordinance (the Ordinance).

The Licensing Board has decided to give an approval-in-principle for the above exemption application for a validity period of one year (from 13 December 2024 to 12 December 2025). The applicant has to make efforts to comply with the land-related requirement, requirement of right to use of the premises and those requirements related to the register on niches under section 24 of the Ordinance within the one-year validity period and then notify the Licensing Board in writing.

If the applicant has complied with the above requirements, after Private Columbaria Affairs Office (PCAO) has received a written notification from District Lands Office, Islands confirming its approval of the application for land regularization, PCAO will report the same to the Licensing Board and submit the exemption application to the Licensing Board for determination.

If the applicant has not complied with the above requirements and notified the Licensing Board in writing of its compliance with those requirements within the one-year validity period of this “approval-in-principle for exemption application”, the Licensing Board will re-examine this exemption application.

Remarks on the Extension of Validity Period of Approval-in-principle for Po Lam Po Tung Pagoda's Exemption Application

Having considered the progress of the actions taken by the applicant to comply with the requirements for this exemption application and the comments offered by the concerned departments, the Licensing Board decided to extend the validity period of this "Approval in-principle" for 6 months (i.e. up to 12 June 2026). Applicant must expedite the required actions to comply with the requirements of this exemption application as soon as possible, and notify the Licensing Board (c/o the Private Columbaria Affairs Office (PCAO)) in writing. If the PCAO receives the applicant's submission and written notification and the confirmation reply from concerned departments on compliance of requirements, the PCAO will report it to the Licensing Board and submit the application to the Licensing Board for final determination. If the applicant still fails to comply with the requirements for this exemption application and notify the Licensing Board (c/o the PCAO) in writing by 12 June 2026, the Licensing Board will re-examine the exemption application.