

**The Private Columbaria Licensing Board Set Final Deadline for
Submission of Documents/ Information/ Certificates
in Respect of Temporary Suspension of Liability Applications Under
Vetting**

According to the Private Columbaria Ordinance (Cap. 630) (the Ordinance), the deadline for the submission of applications for specified instruments (SIs) in respect of pre-cut-off columbaria expired on 29 March 2018, and it has been more than four years since then. The Private Columbaria Licensing Board (the PCLB) has set 31 December 2019 and then 31 December 2020 as the deadlines for submission of documents for Temporary Suspension of Liability (TSOL) that were then under vetting. After examining the status of submission of documents by the applicants at that time, the PCLB has ceased the vetting of the specified instruments applications of some private columbaria.

2. The **PCLB announces hereby that it has set 31 December 2022 as the final deadline for applicants' submission of documents/information/certificates for TSOL applications under vetting.** (This refers to the date on which the document(s)/information/certificate(s) reach the Private Columbaria Affairs Office (PCAO).)

3. Applicants **must send all documents/information/certificates for TSOL applications to PCAO on or before 31 December 2022.**

4. **The PCLB will not consider any documents/information/certificates for TSOL applications received after 31 December 2022.** Any documents/ information/ certificates for TSOL applications received by PCAO after 31 December 2022 will be returned to the applicants.

5. **If an applicant concerned fails to submit all the documents/information/certificates for a TSOL application on or before 31 December 2022, the PCLB may cease the vetting of the whole set of TSOL application and licence and/or exemption application(s), and stop asking the relevant bureau/departments to give comments on**

the whole set of applications. The PCLB will, based on the documents/information/certificates submitted by the applicant for the TSOL and the related licence/exemption applications on or before 31 December 2022 and the circumstances of each case, decide on the date for holding an open meeting to deliberate the applications with a view to determining the whole set of applications.

6. When determining the abovementioned applications, the PCLB will refuse the whole set of applications if the applications do not comply with all the application requirements stipulated in the Private Columbaria Ordinance and the requirements specified by the PCLB. Under such circumstances, the columbarium concerned will have to cease operation and the ashes interred in the columbarium must be disposed of lawfully in accordance with the relevant requirements stipulated under the Ordinance.

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