

**Subsidy Scheme for Promotion of Contactless Payment  
in Public Markets and for Licensed Hawkers**

Objective

It is our objective to promote contactless payment to stall tenants of public markets and holders of valid hawker licences issued by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) (licensed hawkers) as an anti-epidemic measure to safeguard public health in the new normal.

Brief description

2. With a view to reducing the transmission risk of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in a market setting, the Government will launch the second round of the subsidy scheme for promotion of contactless payment in markets (including cooked food stalls) under the FEHD and the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HKHA) under the Anti-epidemic Fund, and extend the scope to cover licensed hawkers. Under the subsidy scheme, the Government will provide a one-off subsidy at a flat rate of \$5,000 per stall and per licensed hawker so as to encourage stall tenants and licensed hawkers to use contactless payment as an anti-epidemic measure to safeguard public health. The subsidy may be used to meet the initial set-up costs as well as service and other fees (including transaction fees) in relation to the provision of at least one contactless payment means for patrons.

3. Stall tenants in FEHD/HKHA markets and cooked food stalls who did not receive the subsidy under the first round of the subsidy scheme, and licensed hawkers, will be eligible for the subsidy, provided that –

- (a) at the date of application and when approval is given for disbursement of subsidy, the applicant holds a valid tenancy agreement/licence of a FEHD/HKHA market/cooked food stall or a valid hawker licence issued by the FEHD ;
- (b) the contactless payment means opted by the stall tenant/licensed hawker is processed through a licensed bank or a stored value facility licensee being regulated by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, or a debit/ credit card scheme; and
- (c) the stall tenant/licensed hawker undertakes in the application not to unreasonably refuse request for contactless payment from patrons during the service contract period.

FEHD/HKHA reserves the right to claw back the subsidy disbursed if a stall tenant/licensed hawker is found to be not complying with the undertaking.

4. Disbursement of subsidy will be made to the stall tenants/licensed hawkers subject to the following –

- (a) the tenant/licensed hawker is required to submit an application and obtain an approval in principle before signing a service contract with a service provider in relation to the provision of at least one contactless payment means; and
- (b) the tenant/licensed hawker has to produce a valid service contract of no less than a duration of two years signed by him/her and confirming that necessary installation has been completed to enable contactless payment to be used at his/her stall or pitch. FEHD/HKHA will conduct inspection to check and ensure completion of the installation.