

The implementation progress of relevant measures under the Anti-epidemic Fund (AEF)

The target beneficiaries of these measures are the relevant enterprises, businesses and licensees. Apart from the Subsidy Scheme for the Promotion of Contactless Payment in Public Markets and the Convention and Exhibition Industry Subsidy Scheme, there is no restriction regarding the usage of the subsidy and target beneficiaries could flexibly deploy the subsidy to meet different needs, including paying for their employees' wages.

	AEF measures	No. of applications received	No. of applications approved	Implementation progress
First-round AEF				
1.	Retail Sector Subsidy Scheme	Around 93 000	Around 69 000	The scheme has completed.
2.	Convention and Exhibition Industry Subsidy Scheme	16	16	The scheme is still receiving application, with its validity period up to 31 December 2021.
3.	Subsidies for live marine fish wholesale traders, fishing vessels with Mainland	2 718 ¹	2 630 ²	The scheme has completed.

¹ Including 1 587 applications for the subsidies for live marine fish wholesale traders and fishing vessels with Mainland deckhands and 1 131 applications for the subsidies to fresh marine fish/vegetable/freshwater fish/hen egg/fresh fruit wholesalers.

² Including 1 532 applications for the subsidies for live marine fish wholesale traders and fishing vessels with Mainland deckhands and

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	deckhands and fresh marine fish/vegetable/freshwater fish/hen egg/fresh fruit wholesalers			
Second-round AEF				
4.	Commercial Bathhouses Subsidy Scheme	48	48	The scheme has completed.
5.	Fitness Centre Subsidy Scheme	1 920	1 660	The scheme has completed.
6.	Places of Public Entertainment Licence (PPEL) Holder Subsidy Scheme	573 ³	522 ⁴	The scheme has completed.
7.	Subsidy Scheme for Beauty Parlours, Massage Establishments and Party Rooms	14 379	13 209	The scheme has completed.

1 098 applications for the subsidies to fresh marine fish/vegetable/freshwater fish/hen egg/fresh fruit wholesalers.

³ Including 175 PPEL applications and 398 temporary PPEL applications.

⁴ Including 172 PPEL applications and 350 temporary PPEL applications.

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Third-round AEF				
8.	Subsidy scheme for the promotion of contactless payment in public markets	4 008	666	Vetting of application is in progress.
9.	Subsidy Scheme for Beauty Parlours, Massage Establishments and Party Rooms (Second Round)	10 003	8 349	9 843 applications have been processed. Vetting of applications and handling of appeal are in progress.
10.	Fitness Centre Subsidy Scheme	1 642	950	Vetting of application is in progress.
11.	Places of Public Entertainment Licence (PPEL) Holder Subsidy Scheme	486 ⁵	432 ⁶	Vetting of application is in progress.
12.	Provision of subsidy to companies in the performing industry which organise pop concerts	Not applicable	Not applicable	The Government signed an agreement with the Performing Industry Association (Hong Kong) Limited (PIA) on 23 December

⁵ Including 162 PPEL applications and 324 temporary PPEL applications.

⁶ Including 161 PPEL applications and 271 temporary PPEL applications.

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				2020. The fund has also been transferred to PIA for onward disbursement of subsidies to eligible companies in the performing industry which organise pop concerts as soon as possible. PIA has already approached the eligible companies and reminded them to submit application with deadline set at 21 January 2021.
13.	Further Subsidy to Commercial Bathhouses	46	46	The scheme has completed.
Fourth-round AEF				
14.	Subsidy Scheme for Beauty Parlours, Massage Establishments and Party Rooms	Not applicable	Not applicable	The scheme is open for application from 18 to 29 January 2021.

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15.	Fitness Centre Subsidy Scheme	Not applicable	Not applicable	The scheme is open for application from 8 January to 8 February 2021.
16.	Places of Public Entertainment Licence (PPEL) Holder Subsidy Scheme	Not applicable	Not applicable	The scheme is open for application from 29 December 2020 to 28 January 2021.
17.	Further Subsidy to Commercial Bathhouses	Not applicable	Not applicable	The scheme is open for application from 29 December 2020 to 28 January 2021.