

- (1) The sales information of the Home Ownership Scheme (HOS) sales exercises launched by the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) from 2016 to 2020 is as follows:

Sales Exercises	HOS 2016	HOS 2017	HOS 2018	HOS 2019	HOS 2020
(i) Number of flats put up for sale	2 657 ¹	2 057	4 431	4 871	7 047
(ii) Number of applications received	about 53 000	about 105 000	about 272 000	about 309 000	about 236 000
(iii) Oversubscription rate	13 times	50 times	60 times	62 times	32 times
(iv) Number of applicants invited for flat selection ²	about 8 400	about 14 300	about 27 800	about 16 900	about 37 400

- ¹ There is another 1 020 subsidised sale flats under a joint application exercise conducted with the Hong Kong Housing Society.
- ² HA takes into account the latest sales situation to estimate and determine the number of applicants to be invited for flat selection during the flat selection period.

Category of Applicants (according to the priority for flat selection)

Priority	Category of Applicants								
1.	Family applicants living in Public Rental Housing (PRH) estates who are affected by HA's announced clearance programme(s) (if applicable)								
2.	Eligible family applicants who are affected by HA's announced Interim Housing (IH) clearance programme(s) (if applicable)								
3.	<p>Ordinary Green Form (GF) and White Form (WF) family applicants to select flats in the following priority order –</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>GF Families</th> <th>WF Families</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>(1) Family applicants applying under the Priority Schemes for Families with Elderly Members (Priority Elderly Scheme)</td> <td>(1) Nuclear family applicants applying under the Priority Elderly Scheme</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(2) Other family applicants</td> <td>(2) Other nuclear family applicants</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>(3) Non-nuclear family applicants</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	GF Families	WF Families	(1) Family applicants applying under the Priority Schemes for Families with Elderly Members (Priority Elderly Scheme)	(1) Nuclear family applicants applying under the Priority Elderly Scheme	(2) Other family applicants	(2) Other nuclear family applicants		(3) Non-nuclear family applicants
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4.	One-person applicants living in PRH estates who are affected by HA's announced clearance programme(s) (if applicable)								
5.	Eligible one-person applicants who are affected by HA's announced IH clearance programme(s) (if applicable)								
6.	Ordinary GF and WF one-person applicants								

- (2) HA does not maintain relevant information on the respective number of applicants in each of the HOS sales exercises launched in 2019 and 2020 who were first-time applicants, second-time applicants, and those having applied for three times or more.
- (3) Before the launch of each sale exercise, HA takes due consideration of the prevailing circumstances and views of stakeholders in determining the quota and flat selection order for different categories of applicants. The existing arrangement is a pragmatic approach in view of the strong demand from different categories of applicants.