

New eligibility criteria and specified conditions
for making a new application for exemption by a “pre-cut-off columbarium”

Eligibility Criteria

- (a) The columbarium has commenced operation (i.e. in which ashes were interred in its niches or in which its interment rights were sold) before the cut-off time (i.e. 8:00 a.m. on June 18, 2014);
- (b) The ash interment quantity of the columbarium is limited to that as at the beginning of the enactment date of the Ordinance (i.e. June 30, 2017); and
- (c) The columbarium has not newly sold or let its interment rights since the beginning of the enactment date of the Ordinance.

Specified Conditions

As at the date on which the Amendment Ordinance came into operation (i.e. May 30, 2025):

- (a) The applicant’s application for a licence in respect of the “pre-cut-off columbarium” is still under processing by the PCLB (i.e. the licence application has not been determined, refused or withdrawn);
- (b) The “pre-cut-off columbarium” is not located in any zone or district designated as “Residential (Group A)” on a draft plan, approved plan, or partly approved plan exhibited under the Town Planning Ordinance (Cap. 131); and
- (c) A planning application in respect of the pre-cut-off columbarium has been accepted or granted by the Town Planning Board, regardless of whether or not there had been any other planning application in respect of the columbarium that had been refused; or no planning application in respect of the columbarium has been refused by the Town Planning Board.

Remarks: For details of the application requirements, please refer to section 20A of the Ordinance and the relevant application guide.