

RATES AND/OR GOVERNMENT RENT FOR THE QUARTER
FROM APRIL TO JUNE 2024

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with the Rating Ordinance (Chapter 116) and the Government Rent (Assessment and Collection) Ordinance (Chapter 515), rates and/or Government rent for the quarter from April to June 2024 are due and payable on or before 30 April, 2024. Payment can be made:—

- (1) by using autopay, PPS, bank automated teller machines (ATMs), the Faster Payment System (FPS) or Internet banking;
- (2) by uploading an e-Cheque/e-Cashier's Order *via* the Pay e-Cheque portal: (www.payecheque.gov.hk);
- (3) by sending a crossed cheque to the Treasury, P.O. Box No. 28000, Sham Shui Po Post Office, Hong Kong (please note that mail with insufficient postage will be rejected); or
- (4) in person at any of the post offices or designated convenience stores in Hong Kong (i.e. 7-Eleven, Circle K, VanGo or U select). For the addresses and opening hours of post offices, please call Hongkong Post's enquiry hotline on 2921 2222 or visit its website: (www.hongkongpost.hk).

Demand notes for rates and/or Government rent for the quarter from April to June 2024 have been issued. The demand notes have reflected the rates concession for this quarter, subject to a ceiling of \$1,000 for each rateable tenement. Any unused portion of the concession in this quarter will not be used to offset the outstanding rates in any other quarters. The concession does not apply to payment of Government rent.

These demand notes show the rateable values following the 2024–25 General Revaluation. The new rateable values can also be searched online at the Rating and Valuation Department's website at (www.rvd.gov.hk). Anyone who wishes to object to the new rateable value may lodge a proposal in the specified form (Form R20A) with the Commissioner of Rating and Valuation not later than 31 May 2024. Objection can also be made by submitting an electronic form (Form e-R20A) using the 'Electronic Submission of Forms' service provided at the department's website. Irrespective of whether an objection has been made, rates and/or Government rent must be paid by the last day for payment.

If payers have not received the demand notes, they may obtain replacement demand notes or enquire as to the amount payable by (i) visiting the Rating and Valuation Department's website: (www.rvd.gov.hk); (ii) calling 2152 0111; (iii) fax 2152 0113; or (iv) visiting in person at the Rating and Valuation Department, 15/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon.

Non-receipt or late receipt of demand note does not alter the requirement that the total amount due must be paid on or before 30 April, 2024. A surcharge of 5% under the provisions of the above-mentioned Ordinances will be imposed for late payment. A further surcharge of 10% will be levied on the outstanding amount (including the 5% surcharge) which remains unpaid six months after the last day for payment.

For payment by autopay, the rates and/or Government rent will be debited from payers' bank accounts on 30 April, 2024. Payers should ensure that there are sufficient funds in their bank accounts to meet the payments on that date until settlement.

To support environmental protection, payers are advised to utilise the Rating and Valuation Department's free eRVD Bill service to receive e-bills and make payments. Payers are also encouraged to settle bills by Autopay or other means of e-payment (e.g. PPS, ATMs, Internet banking or e-Cheque/e-Cashier Order) in order to save queuing time. Application forms for autopay are obtainable from the Rating and Valuation Department, District Offices and major banks in Hong Kong or by telephoning 2152 0111. Payers may also download the form from the Rating and Valuation Department's website.