

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **FAQs**

#### **A –Sale of Green Form Subsidised Home Ownership Scheme Flats 2018**

**Q1: May applicant and/ or other family member(s) listed in Part I of the application form apply simultaneously for other subsidised housing schemes?**

A1:The applicant and/ or other family member(s) listed in Part I of the application form may do so provided that they meet the eligibility criteria of other schemes. If more than one application is successful, they can only opt for one, and have to cancel all other applications.

**Q2: What is ‘Priority Scheme for Families with Elderly Members’?**

A2:To strengthen the support for families with elderly member(s), Green Form families consisting of two persons or above, with at least one elderly member aged 60 or above will be accorded priority in flat selection if they join the ‘Priority Scheme for Families with Elderly Members’. They have to comply with the following requirements:

- (i) The elderly member must have reached the age of 60 on the closing date of application and live with the applicant;
- (ii) The elderly member must become an owner or a joint owner of the purchased flat. He/ She should have the mental capacity (if necessary, the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) may require the elderly member to provide a recent medical proof to understand the nature and effect of all application documents relating to this sale exercise and legal documents, such as Agreement for Sale and Purchase(ASP) / Deed of Assignment and so on, which he/ she signs;
- (iii) If the elderly member is married, his/ her spouse must also be included in the same application unless supporting documents are submitted to prove that they are legally divorced, or the spouse does not have the right to land in Hong Kong or was deceased;
- (iv) The applicant must sign a joint declaration with the elderly member at the time of signing the ASP, undertaking that they are willing to live together in the purchased flat;
- (v) Except for permanent departure, death or other compassionate reasons recommended by the Director of Social Welfare, the name of the elderly member

cannot be deleted from the record of owners kept by the Housing Department (HD) in future; and

- (vi) Having opted to join this Scheme, the applicant may not alter his/ her decision afterwards or else his/ her application will be cancelled.

**Q3. When will HA invite applications?**

A3:HA will invite applications from 28 December 2018 to 10 January 2019. The closing time is 7 p.m. on 10 January 2019\*. Applications submitted before or after the application period will not be accepted. For submission by post, the submission date is determined by the postmark. Applications which are delivered belatedly or returned to the applicants due to insufficient postage will not be processed.

\* The office hours of GSH Sales Unit at 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Pioneer Place, 33 Hoi Yuen Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon during the application period is 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., from Monday to Sunday (including public holidays).

**Q4:. Is it necessary to pay any application fees?**

A4:Applicant of this sale exercise is required to pay a one-off application fee of HK\$240. The application fee of HK\$240 should be paid by crossed cheque (the cheque can be issued by the applicant or other persons) or cashier's order made payable to 'Hong Kong Housing Authority' at the time of submission of application form. Other mean of payment method including post-datedcheque, cash, gift cheque, postal order and electronic cheques will not be accepted. Application fee paid is non-refundable and non-transferrable. If the cheque or cashier's order is dishonoured for whatever reasons, the application will be cancelled automatically.

**Q5:What is duplicated application?**

A5:Should any person be found listed on more than one application form, the applications will be considered as duplication. If the applicant and/or family member(s) listed in Part I of the application form is/are married, his/her/their spouse(s) must also be included in the same application form. Any separate applications submitted by a married couple will be regarded as duplication. Should duplicate applications be found, all related applications will be null and void. The application fee paid is non-refundable and non-transferrable.

**Q6:Where should the application forms be submitted after completion?**

A6:Green Form Applicants should submit (i) the original copy of the completed application form; (ii) a crossed cheque or cashier's order for application fee of HK\$240 made payable to "HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY"(Please write down the HKID number and contact telephone number of the applicant at the back of the cheque/cashier's order. Post-dated cheque, cash, gift cheque, postal order and electronic cheques will not be accepted.); and (iii) the original copy of a Green Form Certificate or Letter of Assurance (if applicable) in the manner as specified below:

(a) Applicants who are residing in PRH units of Hong Kong Housing Authority	They are required to submit during office hours their completed application forms to their respective Estate Offices/ District Tenancy Management Offices (DTMO) for verification of eligibility. The Estate Offices/ District Tenancy Management Offices will forward the verified and endorsed application forms, together with the crossed cheque or cashier's order for payment of the application fee, to the GSH Sales Unit.
(b) Applicants who are residing in rental units of the Hong Kong Housing Society (HS)	They are required to submit the completed application forms to their respective Estate Offices during office hours for verification of eligibility. After Estate Office's endorsement on the application form, applicants are required to submit the application forms, together with a crossed cheque or cashier's order for payment of the application fee, by post or by hand during office hours to the GSH Sales Unit.
(c) Applicants holding valid Green Form Certificates (GFC)	<p>The completed application forms and a crossed cheque or cashier's order for payment of the application fee, together with the original copy of the Green Form Certificates, should be submitted by post or by hand during office hours to the GSH Sales Unit.</p> <p>[Note: Proofs for income, asset value and family member's relationship are NOT required at the time of submitting this application form. Please keep details of your income and breakdown of assets to substantiate your declared income and assets for the HA's further vetting in future if required. The HA will, according to the random order generated by computer from ballot result, notify the applicant and family</p>

	member(s) listed in Part I in writing to submit relevant supporting documents within a specified period for detailed vetting.]
(d) Staff of the Housing Department (HD)	The completed application forms, together with a crossed cheque or cashier's order for payment of the application fee, and the original copy of the Letter of Assurance, should be submitted during office hours to the Estate Offices/District Tenancy Management Offices which manage their respective departmental quarters.
(e) RAES recipients	The completed application forms, together with a crossed cheque or cashier's order for payment of the application fee, should be submitted during office hours to the Rent Allowance for the Elderly Scheme dedicated team at Applications Sub-section, Podium Level 2, Hong Kong Housing Authority Customer Service Centre, 3 Wang Tau Hom South Road, Kowloon.

#### **Q7:Change in Particulars of the Submitted Information**

A7:The applicant and the family members listed in Part I of the application form must meet the eligibility criteria of the application under the sale exercise from submission of the application form up to the date of signing the ASP. Any changes in the particulars (including but not limited to income, net asset value and ownership of domestic property) of the applicant and/or any family members listed in Part I of the application form or the family circumstances (including but not limited to marital status) should be reported in writing to the HA (Address: 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Pioneer Place, 33 Hoi Yuen Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon. For ease of identification, please mark "GSH 2018" on the envelope) with supporting documents so that the HA can reassess the eligibility of the application and the priority for flat selection. Application number should be quoted in the correspondence. Should there be any changes in the personal particulars or family circumstances which render them ineligible, the application will be cancelled and the HA and the HD shall not be responsible for any loss or claims arising therefrom. The application fees paid will not be refunded and cannot be transferred to other parties.

Green Form Applicant requesting for addition or deletion of member(s) listed in the

application form will not be accepted, except for addition of family member(s) due to birth, marriage or the applicant's spouse/child(ren) aged under 18 being granted permission to stay in Hong Kong; or for deletion of family member(s) due to death, divorce or having successfully acquired a flat under other subsidised housing schemes and become an owner or member of the acquired flat. If the applicant household is a sitting PRH household, prior approval for addition/deletion of family members has to be obtained from the respective estate office/DTMO before submission of an application in accordance with Paragraph above. Should the request for addition of family member(s) be approved, the application category will still be based on the position as at the closing date of application. Should the request for deletion of member be approved which results in a change of the application category from family applicant to one-person applicant, assessment of income and asset (if applicable) will be based on the limits for one-person applicant. The HA will reassess the eligibility and priority for flat selection based on the latest information of the applicant.

**Q8:What is Quota Allocation and Priority in Flat Selection?**

A8:The HA sets a quota of 750 flats for applicants applying under the “Priority Scheme for Families with Elderly Members”. If families applying under this category fail to obtain a quota, they will still have the opportunity to purchase under other family categories. If the 750 quota has not been fully consumed after all applicants applying under the “Priority Scheme for Families with Elderly Members” have been invited for flat selection, the unused quota will be allocated to the “Other Family” category of the Green Form queue. If an applicant under the “Priority Scheme for Families with Elderly Members” has successfully selected and signed ASP for a flat, the relevant quota will be treated as consumed. Any quota released due to later rescission of flat from this application category will not be allocated back to another applicant under the “Priority Scheme for Families with Elderly Members”. Upon completion of the relevant procedures for cancellation of ASP by the HA, the rescinded flat will be released for selection by applicants on the next flat selection day according to the order of flat selection priority.

The HA also sets aside 250 flats for one-person applicants. One-person applicants will be invited to select the remaining 250 flats, irrespective of size, after family applicants have selected their flats. In case the 250 flats are not fully consumed after all one-person applicants have been invited to select flat, the remaining flats will be allocated back to “other family” categories. If there are more than 250 flats remaining after all family applicants have been invited to select flat, all remaining flats will be allocated to

one-person applicants for their selection. If a one-person applicant has successfully selected and signed ASP for a flat, the relevant reserved flat will be treated as taken up. Any flat released due to later rescission of flat from this application category will not be allocated back to another one-person applicant. Upon completion of the relevant procedures for cancellation of ASP by the HA, the rescinded flat will be allocated back to “other family” applicants for selection according to their priority order.

Application Categories	Quota/ Number of Flats
	Green Form Applicants
(a) Families applying under the ‘Priority Scheme for Families with Elderly Members’	750
(b) One-person applicants	250

The flat selection order of different categories of applicants is as follows:

- (1) Families applicants living in PRH estates affected by the HA’s clearance programmes
- (2) Family applicants applying under the ‘Priority Scheme for Families with Elderly Members’
- (3) Other family applicants
- (4) One-person applicants living in PRH estates affected by the HA’s clearance programme
- (5) One-person applicants

All “family” and “one-person” applicants will be allocated an ordinary order of priority for flat selection randomly generated by computer according to the ballot result. Family applicants who join the “Priority Scheme for Families with Elderly Members” will be allocated an additional order of priority for flat selection randomly generated by computer according to the ballot result, i.e. a total of two order of priority will be allocated to them.

The HA will invite eligible applicants of different categories for flat selection according to the order of priority as stated in the above paragraph. Family or one-person applicants living in PRH estates affected by the HA’s clearance programme are allowed to select flats before families or one-person households of other Green Form (i.e. ordinary Green Form) categories.

If family applicants who join the “Priority Scheme for Families with Elderly Members”

fail to purchase a flat under the quota of that application category, the HA will invite them for flat selection again when their order of priority under the “Other Family” turns up, provided that flats are available for selection under that category.

PRH tenants rehoused through the Express Flat Allocation Scheme exercise can only apply after three years from the date of tenancy commencement of their PRH units. Upon signing the deed of assignment of their purchased flats, this category of applicants have to surrender their PRH units to the HA.

Flat selection priority order is subject to relevant sales arrangements issued by the HA from time to time. In case of dispute, the HA’s decision shall be final.

**Q9:How do eligible applicants choose their flats?**

A9:Under normal circumstances, the HA, after detailed eligibility vetting, will invite eligible applicants in writing to the GSH Sales Unit at an appointed time to select their flats and complete all the purchasing formalities according to their priority for flat selection. If required, the HA may also arrange applicants to undergo eligibility vetting on their appointed day of flat selection. In the latter situation, the HA will notify the applicants in advance when sending out the flat selection invitation letters. The applicants must continue to meet all eligibility criteria when they go through the purchasing formalities, or else their applications will be cancelled and the flat selected by them will be taken back and the application fees paid will not be refunded. When going through the flat purchasing formalities, applicants are required to sign a declaration declaring that all the information provided in the application form is true and correct, and report any changes (including but not limited to income, net asset value, ownership of domestic property, marital status and family composition) which may have occurred since the date of application (if applicable).

Flat Selection Notifications will be issued according to the application category and the order of priority. Applicants who fail to keep their appointment will lose their eligibility for flat selection and their flat selection priority will be taken up by others lower in the queue. The application fees paid will not be refunded. If an applicant needs to change his/her appointment (the appointment can only be postponed but cannot be advanced), he/ she has to seek the HA’s prior approval in writing. Change of appointment can only be effected upon approval of the HA, the applicant’s order of priority for flat selection will be deferred accordingly. The HA and the HD will not guarantee that there will be

available quota or flat for selection under the category that the applicant belongs to after change of the appointment.

During individual flat selection sessions on the flat selection days, after registration of all applicants, the attending applicants will be listed according to their flat selection priority. They will then be arranged to enter the flat selection room accordingly. Applicants should take note of the latest information on flats available for selection displayed at the screens of the GSH Sales Unit. For all applicants who have been arranged to enter the flat selection room, selection of flat is on “first select first served” basis (subject to acknowledgement by computer). If a particular flat is selected by more than one applicants at the same time, the priority for selecting the flat will be determined by the applicant’s order of priority after registration in that flat selection session.

If an applicant turns up at the GSH Sales Unit at the appointed time but fails to purchase a flat while stock still lasts, he/ she will be deemed as giving up his/ her chance of flat selection. The applicant will not be given another chance for flat selection again under the same application category. The application fee paid will not be refunded.

After a flat has been selected, an applicant has to sign the ASP within the same day. Should an applicant who has selected a flat fail to turn up at the GSH Sales Unit to sign the relevant ASP by 5:00 pm within the same day of flat selection, he/ she will be deemed as giving up the selected flat. The flat shall be taken back for selection by other applicants according to their priority. The applicant concerned will not be given another chance for flat selection under the same application category. The application fee paid will not be refunded.

After the execution of the ASP, if the purchaser is proved to be ineligible for the current sale exercise, the ASP already signed will be cancelled and all fees and charges paid (including deposit) in respect of the application/ purchase will not be refunded.

**Q10: What kind of ownership is allowed?**

A10: The applicant must become the owner of the flat purchased. The applicant, however, may choose to share the ownership with one of the adult family members listed in the application form provided that the ownership is in the form of joint tenancy not inheritable by a third party. This family member is required to turn up in person with the applicant at the GSH Sales Unit for completion of necessary formalities.



Applicants joining the ‘Priority Scheme for Families with Elderly Members’ must share the ownership of the flat with one of the elderly members, although they may also choose one of the adult members listed in the same application form as a joint owner at the same time. The elderly member concerned and the family member concerned (if applicable) are also required to turn up in person at the GSH Sales Unit together with the applicant for completion of relevant formalities.

If an applicant or any family member who intend to become a joint-owner (including the elderly member) is not able to turn up in person to sign the ASP, he/she is required to obtain prior written approval from the GSH Sales Unit and sign a valid Power of Attorney at a solicitors firm to authorise a family member aged 18 or above listed on the GSH application form to complete the purchase on his/her behalf. If the applicant is the only person listed in the application form, he/she may authorise another relative to complete the purchase on his/her behalf, provided the authorised person is aged 18 or above and is holding a valid Power of Attorney.

#### **Q11: How to pay the purchase price and Obtaining Legal Title to the Flats?**

A11: Although the purchasers will sign the ASP before the staff of the HA, the staff will only interpret the contents of the ASP to the purchasers and attest their signing of the ASP. The staff will not give the purchasers any legal advice on the ASP or any other matters in connection with the transaction.

The Green Form Purchaser must, at the time of signing the ASP at the GSH Sales Unit, bring along with him/ her cashier’s order(s) (not more than 3) in the sum of HK\$[46,000] made payable to “HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY” for paying the deposit (not less than 5% of the purchase price). If the amount of such cashier’s order is less than 5% of the purchase price, any outstanding balance should be paid by a personal cheque upon signing of the ASP.

After the Occupation Permit for the building(s) concerned has been issued, the HA’s appointed solicitor will notify the purchasers in writing to complete the remaining conveyancing formalities and pay the balance of the purchase price within the specified period of time.

If the price of the GSH flats is over one million dollars, purchasers must appoint a

separate firm of solicitors of their choice to act for them in relation to the transaction. Such firm of solicitors should not be the same on acting for the HA. If the price of the GSH flat does not exceed one million dollars, purchasers may either appoint a separate firm of solicitors of their choice and act for them in relation to the transaction; or appoint the HA's solicitors to act for them in relation to the transaction.

If the purchasers appoint a separate firm of solicitors to act for them in relation to the transaction, that firm of solicitors will be able to give independent advice to them at every stage of purchase. The purchasers have to pay the legal costs and expenses of their own solicitors.

If the purchasers appoint the HA's solicitors to act for them in relation to the transaction, the solicitors will be acting jointly for the HA and the purchasers. Purchasers are required to pay all legal costs and expenses of the solicitors for completion of sale and purchase.

**Q12: What are the fees and charges to be paid upon purchasing a flat?**

A12: The purchaser, when completing the formalities of purchasing a flat, is required to pay fees including but not limited to the following:

- (a) All stamp duties payable;
- (b) Registration fees for registration of the deeds in the Land Registry;
- (c) Legal costs:
  - (i) The purchaser, unless appointing his/ her own solicitors, is required to pay the legal costs of the solicitors appointed by the HA;
  - (ii) If the purchaser appoints his/ her own solicitors, he/ she is only required to pay the legal costs of his/ her solicitors;
- (d) The fees for certified copies of the deeds (including the Government lease, the Deed of Mutual Covenant and other relevant title deeds);
- (e) In the event of the purchaser failing to complete the transaction by the specified date in accordance with the ASP, the HA shall, without prejudice to any other remedy, be entitled to demand and receive from the purchaser payment of interest on the balance of the purchase price at the rate of 2% per annum above the Best Lending Rate as announced by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited;
- (f) Debris removal fee (if any), decoration deposit (if any) and special fund (if any); and

(g) Management fee, management fee deposit and the levy payable (if any) as prescribed by the Property Management Services Authority.

If the purchaser requires a mortgage loan to finance the purchase of the flat, he/ she is also required to pay:

- (a) The registration fee for registration of the mortgage deed in the Land Registry; and
- (b) Legal costs of the solicitors acting for the bank or the financial institution offering the loan for the mortgage arrangements. (Note: If the bank or the financial institution appoints also the HA's appointed solicitors to handle the mortgage arrangements, the solicitors will charge a separate fee.)

### **Q13: What about mortgage arrangements?**

A13: Purchasers should assess one's own financial capability and eligibility for mortgage before entering into purchasing formalities. After signing the ASP, a purchaser requiring a mortgage loan to pay the balance of the purchase price should apply to a bank or financial institution on the approved list, which is available from the GSH Sales Unit, for a mortgage loan on special concessionary terms specified by the HA. The conditions are subject to final approval by the bank or financial institution concerned. The participating banks or financial institutions on the list have entered into a Deed of Guarantee with the HA. Some of the mortgage terms are as follows:

- (a) loan amount not exceeding the balance of the purchase price after deposit;
- (b) maximum repayment period of 25 years; and
- (c) interest rate at a maximum of the Best Lending Rate quoted by the bank or financial institution concerned minus 0.5% per annum.

If the purchaser wishes to mortgage with other bank/ financial institution which has not entered into a Deed of Guarantee with the HA, the purchaser is required to obtain prior approval from the Director of Housing for such mortgage arrangement. Otherwise, relevant provisions of the Housing Ordinance (Cap. 283) will be contravened. The purchaser is reminded to allow sufficient time to apply to HD for processing of the relevant approval in order to avoid any possible delay in the mortgage arrangement and an administrative fee is required for the concerned application.

A purchaser may also obtain a loan to cover the balance of the purchase price under a mortgage from his/ her employer who offers a bona fide staff housing mortgage loan scheme provided that prior approval from the Director of Housing is obtained.

Except with the approval of the Director of Housing, the purchaser shall not secure any

other form of mortgage financing or refinancing, including increasing the amount of the mortgage loan. For details, please contact the GSH Sales Unit.

If the purchaser, who has mortgaged the flat purchased to a participating bank or financial institution that has entered into a Deed of Guarantee with the HA, defaults on mortgage payments before paying off the mortgage loan, the bank or financial institution concerned will sell the flat. Should the sale proceeds of the flat fail to cover the full outstanding balance of the mortgage and all the interest, legal costs, administration fees, etc. payable under the mortgage, the bank or financial institution will, pursuant to the Deed of Guarantee, make a claim against the HA for the payment of all the above arrears that the purchaser owes. The HA shall then under the Deed of Guarantee pay the same to the bank or financial institution. In relation to the payments made by the HA to the bank or financial institution, the HA will then recover such payments and the interest from the purchaser.

**B - Streamlined Application Arrangements for Green Form (GF) applicants under Home Ownership Scheme (HOS) and Green Form Subsidised Home Ownership Scheme (GSH)**

**Q1: What is Streamlined Application Arrangements for GF applicants under HOS and GSH?**

A1: The Housing Authority endorsed in November 2018 the streamlined application arrangements for green form applicants under HOS and GSH on a pilot bases. All valid HOS GF applications will be carried over to the subsequent GSH sale exercise in the same year. These GF applicants do not need to submit a separate application and pay the application fee for that GSH.

**Q2: What is the Streamlined Application Arrangements in 2018?**

A2: Applicants with valid GF applications under the Sale of Home Ownership Scheme Flats 2018 (HOS 2018) do not need to submit a separate application and pay the application fee for Sale of Green Form Subsidised Home Ownership Scheme Flats (GSH 2018) provided that they are still meeting the eligibility criteria of GSH 2018 and agreed with the carried over arrangement. The carried over arrangement will not affect their applications for HOS 2018. Their HOS 2018 applications are still in progress.

If the GF applicants, during the application period of GSH 2018, intend to change their family composition due to their own willingness e.g. request for changing of applicants, request for joining the “Priority Scheme for Families with Elderly Members (FEP)” in GSH 2018 but they have not opted for joining the FEP in HOS 2018 although they are eligible at that time, etc., then the streamlined application arrangements are not applicable. These applicants have to submit a fresh GSH 2018 application and pay the application fee of \$240.

Those applications successfully carried over to GSH 2018 will receive an application number of GSH 2018. Both carried over applications and new GSH applications received during the GSH application period will be included in the same GSH balloting exercise.

**Q3: What are valid GF applications under HOS 2018?**

A3: Those HOS 2018 GF applications which are provided with application numbers and the numbers have not been cancelled (those GFC holders whose GFC should be still valid and not yet expired) are regarded as valid GF applications. The applicants will receive a notification letter issued by HOS Sales Unit informing them the streamlined application arrangements in mid to late December 2018.

**Q4: If I am a GF applicant under HOS 2018, will I receive any notification concerning the Streamlined Application Arrangements?**

A4: You will receive a notification letter in mid to late December 2018 informing you that your valid HOS 2018 GF application will be carried over to GSH 2018. The letter will be attached with a reply slip and a declaration form. You should complete the attached reply slip and declaration form to express your consent to carry over the GF application from HOS 2018 to GSH 2018. The reply slip and declaration form should be submitted according to the following ways of submission **on or before 10.1.2019**, otherwise Housing Authority (HA) will **assume that you do not agree** to carry over your HOS 2018 application to GSH 2018:

- i. If you are applicants living in public rental housing units of Housing Authority or rental estates of Housing Society, you and your family members listed on the tenancy agreements are required to sign and return the original copy of reply slip and declaration form **within the office hours from 28.12.2018 to 10.1.2019 to your respective Estate Offices/District Tenancy Management Offices**. Late submission will not be processed.
- ii. If you are applicants holding valid Green Form Certificates, you and your family members are required to sign and return the original copy of reply slip and declaration form from **28.12.2018 to 10.1.2019 (8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.) by post or by hand to the GSH Sales Unit at 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Pioneer Place, 33 Hoi Yuen Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon**. Late submission will not be processed.
- iii. If you are the Rent Allowance for the Elderly Scheme recipients, you are required to sign and return the original copy of reply slip and declaration form from **28.12.2018 to 10.1.2019 (8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.) by post or by hand to the GSH Sales Unit at 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Pioneer Place, 33 Hoi Yuen Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon**. Late submission will not be processed.

Please note that HA will verify your application eligibility upon receipt your reply slip and declaration form.

**Q5: If I do not intend to join the GSH 2018, what should I do?**

A5: You can complete and return the reply slip according to the ways of submission in A4 above to inform HA that you do not agree to carry over the application from HOS 2018 to GSH 2018. If you do not return the reply slip according to the ways of submission in A4 above **on or before 10.1.2019**, HA will **assume that you do not agree** to carry over your HOS 2018 application to GSH 2018.

**Q6: Can I request to change the applicant under the Streamlined Application Arrangements?**

A6: If you intend to change the applicant due to your own willingness (i.e. not because of death, moving out, deletion from the public rental housing tenancy, etc.), you are not required to return the reply slip and declaration form. Instead, you should submit a fresh GSH 2018 application form and pay the application fee of \$240 and return to HA according to the ways of submission stipulated in paragraph 9 of the application guide of GSH 2018. Please note that application form submitted before or after the application period will not be accepted.

**Q7: If I have not opted for joining the FEP in HOS 2018 although I was eligible at that time, can I opt for joining the FEP in GSH 2018?**

A7: If you request for joining the FEP due to your own willingness (i.e. not because of not opting for joining the FEP in HOS 2018 although you are eligible at that time and you intend to opt for FEP in GSH 2018), you are not required to return the reply slip and the declaration form. Instead, you should submit a fresh GSH 2018 application form and pay the application fee of \$240 and return to HA according to the ways of submission stipulated in paragraph 9 of the application guide of GSH 2018. Please note that application form submitted before or after the application period will not be accepted.

**Q8: What are the consequences if I do not return the reply slip and/or the declaration form?**

A8: The reply slip and/or declaration form should be submitted to respective offices as stated in A4 above before the deadline (i.e. **on or before 10.1.2019**), otherwise HA will assume that you **do not agree** to carry over your HOS 2018 application to GSH 2018.

**Q9: If I successfully purchased a HOS flat, will my carried over GSH 2018 application still valid?**

A9: If you have successfully purchased a flat under HOS 2018, your carried over application will be cancelled and vice versa.

**Q10: If I was a 1-person family during the application period of HOS 2018 but I am now pregnant for more than 16 weeks, what should I do?**

A10: If a 1-person female applicant has been pregnant for 16 weeks on the closing date of application (i.e. 10.1.2019), the applicant is not required to submit a fresh application but she should complete and return the reply slip and declaration form according to the ways of submission mentioned in A4 above. GSH Sales Unit will change the application from 1-person family to other family category. GSH Sales Unit will request the applicant to provide a valid medical proof issued by registered doctors/Chinese medicine practitioners to certify the expected date of delivery for verification later.

**Q11: What are the consequences if I have returned the reply slip and declaration form expressing the consent for carrying over my HOS 2018 application to GSH 2018 but I submitted the GSH 2018 application form again?**

A11: If you have returned the reply slip and the declaration form to express your consent for carrying over the HOS 2018 application to GSH 2018, you are not required to submit application form and application fee for GSH 2018 again.



**Q12: What are the consequences if I have submitted the application form of GSH 2018 (and pay the application fee) but have not returned the reply slip and declaration form expressing the consent for carrying over my HOS 2018 application to GSH 2018?**

A12: If you have completed and submitted the required information, your submitted application will be treated as new application and your application will be included in the same GSH balloting exercise with other new applications received.

**Q13: How can I know my HOS 2018 application is successfully carried over to GSH 2018?**

A13: After you have return the reply slip and declaration form according to the ways of submission in A4 above, the GSH Sales Unit will send you an acknowledgement letter informing you the application number of GSH 2018, your application and those new GSH applications received during the GSH application period will be included in the same GSH balloting exercise.

**Q14: Will applications carried over to GSH 2018 or new applications of GSH 2018 be carried over to HOS 2019?**

A14: The HA endorsed in November 2018 the streamlined application arrangements for green form applicants under HOS and GSH on a pilot basis. All valid HOS GF applications will be carried over to the subsequent GSH sale exercise in the same year. Therefore, applications carried over to GSH 2018 or new applications of GSH 2018 will not be carried over to HOS 2019.

**Q15: What should I do if I have not received the notification letter or SMS up to this moment?**

A15: You can contact your respective Estate Office/District Tenancy Management Office or the HA Sales Hotlines at 2712 8000 for enquiry.