

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2009-10
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
 INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question :

In 2008, the Administration processed a total of 10 588 licence/registration applications. Of the different kinds of licences/registrations involved, what were the average numbers of working days required?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kin-yee, Miriam

Reply :

The role of the Buildings Department (BD) in licence/registration applications is to advise the respective licensing authorities on the suitability of the premises for the intended uses from the perspective of building safety. The average processing time required in processing licence/registration applications by the BD in 2008 are shown in the table below :

Licence Type	Average Processing Time (Working Days)			
	New Application	Revision of Details for New Application	Alteration to Existing Licensed Premises	Annual Renewal
Food Business				
Restaurant	9.82	8.13	20.4	----
Factory canteen	9.62	6.88	17.94	----
Cold store	11.5	10.25	23	----
Food factory	18.23	17.29	19.01	----
Bakery	15.5	19.1	19.24	----
Other food business (such as fresh provision shop, milk permit)	20.34	18.03	18.7	----
Outside seating accommodation	16.27	8.21	14.94	----

Place of public entertainment (PPE)					
	Cinema	11	9.5	23.86	20.55
	Entertainment machine centre	8.5	6.56	14.77	19.38
	Exhibition hall / theme park	8.2	9.86	19.29	20.45
Temporary PPE		12.57	6.59	----	----
Karaoke establishment		21.4	10.4	17.91	9.3
School		18.28	13.86	17.54	----
Kindergarten		15.8	7.35	17.8	----
Child care centre		10.12	8.87	18.37	20.15
Non-local higher education		22	16.2	21	----
Swimming pool		20.28	18.82	19.96	----
Amusement game centre		18.5	18.3	9.5	----
Place of amusement		14	11.38	16.2	5
Dancing endorsement		14.4	18.44	----	----
Massage establishment		16.38	14	----	----
Mahjong/Tin Kau		22	13.75	22.71	----
Public dance hall		24	9	22	22.5
Offensive trade		15.33	----	22.8	----
Drug dependant person treatment center		----	8	13.33	19.12
Arms dealer licence		8	----	-----	----
Bath house		21	19.67	26.5	----
Solemnization of marriage		20.67	13	-----	----

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