

The Pilot Scheme Launched by the Development Bureau to Facilitate Holding Activities in Dedicated Areas

The Development Bureau on 11 April 2025 announced the launch of a two-year pilot scheme to relax the restrictions under land leases on indoor and outdoor public spaces of shopping malls or other commercial developments and to streamline the relevant approval procedures. Details of the pilot scheme have been announced in the press release and the Lands Department's Information Note uploaded to the following websites:

- (a) <https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202504/11/P2025041100588.htm>
- (b) [https://www.landsd.gov.hk/doc/en/practice-note/info-notes/Information_Note-Streamlining_Arrangements\(POSPD\).pdf](https://www.landsd.gov.hk/doc/en/practice-note/info-notes/Information_Note-Streamlining_Arrangements(POSPD).pdf)

2. With the policy support from the Development Bureau, the pilot scheme on waiver application is generally applicable to the dedicated areas, except for the dedicated areas for (i) widening footpath along streets/lanes, (ii) provision of corner splay, (iii) vehicular drop off/lay-by, (iv) vehicular access of buildings, (v) passage to footbridges, and (vi) passage to public transport facilities, which must remain free of obstruction at all times for traffic and pedestrian safety and convenience.

3. Under the pilot scheme, the Buildings Department will consider the areas permissible for activities within dedicated areas on a case-by-case basis with considerations on building fire and structural safety as well as no impediment to the pedestrian flow at the dedicated areas upon receipt of the relevant license applications for the temporary places of public entertainment.

4. The dedicated areas at the following buildings may be benefited under the pilot scheme:

- (a) Hang Seng Bank Building, 83 Des Voeux Road Central
- (b) HSBC Headquarters, 1 Queen's Road Central
- (c) AIG Tower, 1 Connaught Road Central
- (d) Citibank Plaza, 3 Garden Road
- (e) The Center, 99 Queen's Road Central
- (f) Grand Millennium Plaza, 31-33 Wing Lok St, 181-183 Queen's Road Central
- (g) Jardine House, 1 Connaught Place
- (h) Central Plaza, 18 Harbour Rd
- (i) Three Pacific Place, 1 Queen's Road East
- (j) World Trade Centre, 280 Gloucester Road
- (k) Grand Promenade, 38 Tai Hong Street
- (l) Devon House (Phase 1) & Cambridge House (Phase 2), Tong Chong Street and 979 King's Road
- (m) The Gateway Tower 1 and 2, 25 Canton Road
- (n) The Royal Garden Hotel, 69 Mody Road
- (o) Times Square, 1 Matheson Street
- (p) CDW Building, 382 - 392 Castle Peak Road
- (q) Tsuen Wan Centre, 86-105 Tsuen King Circuit