



“T-Home” at Trackside Villas Opens for Application

Hong Kong Housing Society (HKHS) announced today (18 May 2020) that the “T-Home” at Trackside Villas will be open for application, starting 20 May 2020 until 2 June 2020, by eligible families who are on the waiting list of public rental housing.

HKHS signed a Licence Agreement with MTR Corporation Limited (MTRC) on the use of their property, Trackside Villas in Tai Po, to operate a transitional housing project for five years.

Currently a total of 185 units at Trackside Villas are available for renovation and to be converted into transitional housing. Among those, over 130 units will be operated by HKHS as “T-Home” for three-person to six-person families who have been on the waiting list of public rental housing for three years or above. Approximately 50 remaining units will be handed over to Hong Kong Council of Social Service for sub-letting and operation.

HKHS Chief Executive Officer James Chan said, “The overwhelming response received for the ‘T-Home’ projects at Yue Kwong Chuen and Kwun Tong Garden Estate reflects a strong public demand on transitional housing. Our collaboration with MTRC will again maximise the use of existing housing resources, and help improve the living conditions of low-income families within a short period of time.”

Details of “T-Home” at Trackside Villas are as follows:

No. of occupants	Internal Floor Area of the Unit (m²)	Monthly Sub-licence Fee (inclusive of rates)
3 to 4	Approx. 27-29	\$2,800 - \$3,000
5 to 6	Approx. 41-47	\$4,300 - \$5,000

* In case of any future adjustments on the Monthly Sub-licence Fee, HKHS will notify the households concerned in writing at least one month in advance according to the clauses of the Sub-licence.

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Eligibility criteria of Trackside Villas “T-Home” applicants are as follows:

- 1) Families of three to six persons whose applications for public rental housing (PRH) of the Housing Authority (HA) have been registered for three years or above (i.e. the registration date is on or before 3 June 2017); and
- 2) The application for PRH of the HA must remain valid at any time from its registration date to the commencement and during the subsistence of the Sub-licence issued under the Scheme; and
- 3) The information of the applicant and his/her family member(s) must be the same as that of the application for PRH of the HA; and
- 4) The applicant and his/her family member(s) must comply with the existing policies and criteria for applying PRH of the HA (including but not limited to the number of family members, income and asset limits), and must not own any domestic properties in Hong Kong (including subsidised sale flats) at any time from the date of the application for HA’s PRH to the commencement and during the subsistence of the Sub-licence issued.

Computer balloting will be conducted in mid-June 2020 to determine the priority numbers of applicants. Based on the applicants’ priority numbers and family sizes, invitations will be sent to the applicants for vetting and flat allocation.

Upon acceptance of the flat assigned, applicants will be required to sign the Sub-licence. The first batch of tenancy is expected to take effect in August 2020. All applicants will only be offered one single chance of flat allocation. If the offer is refused, or if the applicant does not attend the flat allocation procedures, the application will be cancelled.

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During the application period, the Application Form and Application Guide can be obtained online or at the following locations:

- 1) HKHS Applications Section (G/F, Dragon Centre, 23 Wun Sha Street, Tai Hang, Hong Kong)
- 2) HKHS Estate Management Offices
- 3) HKHS designated webpage (tracksidevillas.hkhs.com)
- 4) Home Affairs Enquiry Centres of the Home Affairs Department

Submissions can be made online, by post or by hand. Enquiries can be made via the HKHS “T-Home” Scheme Hotline 8103-0330.

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Over 130 “T-Home” units at Trackside Villas will be open for application from 20 May 2020.