

**Business Facilitation Advisory Committee  
Task Force on Business Liaison Groups**

*E-services for Permit to Use and Operate Amusement Ride*

**Purpose**

This paper briefs members on the e-services for the Permit to Use and Operate Amusement Ride.

**Background**

2. To tie in with the Government's initiative of developing Hong Kong into a Smart City, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) has launched a one-stop online application service platform (the Web-based Registration Services (WBRSS)) since July 2021 with a view to enhancing the business-friendliness, efficiency and transparency of its licensing services.

**E-services for applications related to Amusement Rides under the Amusement Rides (Safety) Ordinance**

3. Pursuant to the Amusement Rides (Safety) Ordinance (ARSO) (Cap. 449), the owner of an amusement ride shall obtain from the EMSD a design approval before equipment installation and a permit to use and operate upon installation completion, as well as employ a competent person before he/she could operate the amusement ride for use by members of the public.

4. Since October 2021, EMSD has provided electronic services including e-submission, e-payment, e-tracking and e-licence for eight applications (including the application for Permit to Use and Operate Amusement Ride) under the ARSO (as listed below) to enhance the efficiency of application process for the trade -

- (1) Submission of Designs, Specifications, Method and Programme of Installation of Amusement Ride;
- (2) Application for Permit to Use and Operate of Amusement Ride;
- (3) Application for Permit to Use and Operate of Kiddie Ride;
- (4) Application for Permission to Resume the Use and Operation of Amusement Ride/Kiddie Ride after Major Alterations;
- (5) Application for Approval as a Surveyor;
- (6) Application for Approval as a Qualified Person;
- (7) Application for Approval as A Competent Person; and
- (8) Application for Permit to Use and Operate of Ride in Temporary Site.

5. Details of the e-services provided for the above applications are as follows –

- (a) *E-submission*: Applicants can submit the applications and supporting documents anytime and anywhere online through the WBRIS. Applicants can make use of "iAM Smart" for identity authentication, digital signing and its "e-ME" function for automatic form-filling.
- (b) *E-payment*: After the submission of applications, applicants can choose to settle the related licence/permit fees/charges through online payment methods (such as credit cards and PPS).
- (c) *E-tracking*: Each application will be assigned an application number. After login to the WBRIS, the applicants can track the status of his/her application by inputting the application number.
- (d) *E-licence*: EMSD will issue the Permit to Use and Operate Amusement Ride and other licences/permits with a QR code

thereon in encrypted PDF format to the applicants via e-mail. Members of the public can scan the QR code and will be directed to EMSD website to verify the licence/permit information and validity period easily.

### **Way Forward**

6. Members are invited to note the content of the paper and offer comments, if any.

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