

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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Question:

Regarding the issue of licences for food premises, please list in the following table, with a breakdown by the type of licence, the number of applications received, the total number of licences issued, the average time taken for processing an application and the expenditure involved in the past 3 years (i.e. 2015- 2017):

Type of licences		Number of applications	Number of licences issued	Average time taken for processing an application	Expenditure involved
Restaurant Licence	General Restaurant Licence				
	Light Refreshment Restaurant Licence				
Bakery Licence					
Cold Store Licence					
Factory Canteen Licence					
Food Factory Licence					
Temporary Food Factory Licence					
Fresh Provision Shop Licence					
Frozen Confection Factory Licence					
Milk Factory Licence					
Siu Mei and Lo Mei Shop Licence					
Composite Food Shop Licence					
Restricted Food Permits					
Karaoke Establishment Permit					
Other Trade Licences	Commercial Bathhouse Licence				
	Funeral Parlour Licence				
	Offensive Trade Licence				
	Swimming Pool Licence				

	<b>Undertaker's Licence</b>				
<b>Places of Public Entertainment Licence</b>					
<b>Temporary Places of Public Entertainment Licence</b>					
<b>Liquor Licence</b>					
<b>Club Liquor Licence</b>					

Asked by: Hon HO Kai-ming (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 38)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

Type of licences		Year	Number of applications	Number of licences issued (Note 1)	Average time taken for processing an application (working days) (Note 2)	Expenditure involved
Restaurant Licence	General Restaurant Licence	2015	1 418	1 080	172	There is no separate breakdown of the expenditure incurred.
		2016	1 367	1 098	175	
		2017	1 450	1 048	170	
	Light Refreshment Restaurant Licence	2015	561	422	166	
		2016	572	390	164	
		2017	607	400	178	
Bakery Licence		2015	33	33	176	
		2016	28	20	158	
		2017	39	20	153	
Cold Store Licence		2015	9	1	167	
		2016	14	6	192	
		2017	16	6	123	
Factory Canteen Licence		2015	84	13	205	
		2016	69	11	230	
		2017	60	23	195	
Food Factory Licence		2015	1 401	863	147	
		2016	1 554	891	152	
		2017	1 598	1 036	163	
Temporary Food Factory Licence		2015	2 202	3 354	23	
		2016	1 925	2 998	24	
		2017	2 343	1 624	23	
Fresh Provision Shop Licence		2015	357	212	124	
		2016	393	234	133	
		2017	423	277	139	
Frozen Confection Factory Licence		2015	94	57	107	
		2016	58	58	154	
		2017	80	55	146	
Milk Factory Licence		2015	1	1	322	
		2016	0	0	0	
		2017	0	0	0	
Siu Mei and Lo Mei Shop Licence		2015	58	46	139	
		2016	76	32	123	
		2017	70	58	152	
Composite Food Shop Licence		2015	2	1	152	
		2016	0	1	185	
		2017	2	2	231	

Type of licences		Year	Number of applications	Number of licences issued (Note 1)	Average time taken for processing an application (working days) (Note 2)	Expenditure involved
Restricted Food Permits		2015	798	624	50	
		2016	1 190	909	56	
		2017	1 356	1 015	52	
Karaoke Establishment Permit		2015	9	4	235	
		2016	18	3	255	
		2017	9	4	281	
Other Trade Licences	Commercial Bathhouse Licence	2015	2	0	0	
		2016	2	2	206	
		2017	4	1	171	
	Funeral Parlour Licence	2015	0	0	0	
		2016	5	0	0	
		2017	0	0	0	
	Offensive Trade Licence	2015	1	0	0	
		2016	4	0	0	
		2017	1	0	0	
	Swimming Pool Licence	2015	37	26	145	
		2016	58	31	210	
		2017	48	44	133	
Undertaker's Licence	2015	15	5	62		
	2016	13	8	102		
	2017	12	4	151		
Places of Public Entertainment Licence		2015	27	13	86	
		2016	19	12	99	
		2017	63	12	113	
Temporary Places of Public Entertainment Licence		2015	1 703	1 473	36	
		2016	1 782	1 532	37	
		2017	2 212	1 914	38	
Liquor Licence		2015	1 225	1 185	37	
		2016	1 016	1 047	41	
		2017	1 159	1 199	36	
Club Liquor Licence		2015	11	9	39	
		2016	16	8	43	
		2017	22	20	34	

Note 1: Applications for licence received in one year may be carried forward with the processing completed in the subsequent year.

Note 2: It refers to the average time from receipt of an application to issue of a full licence. The processing time for an application is contingent upon the time spent by the applicant in complying with the relevant licensing requirements; settling objections raised by the public or other departments concerned; and addressing relevant land issues, if any. It varies from case to case.

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