

Application Notes

(AN-HLHG)



Home Renovation Hardship Grant

Enquiry
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The Urban Renewal Authority (URA) will consider assisting property owners with genuine financial difficulties. The maximum amount of home renovation hardship grant is **HK\$10,000**.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Applicant must have applied and be eligible for the “Home Renovation Interest-free Loan”.
2. Application form must be submitted prior to the commencement of the interior repair works.
3. Applicant should be the registered owner of the subject premises, and comply with **either one of the following requirements**:
 - Recipient of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance; or
 - Recipient of Old Age Living Allowance; or
 - Aged 60 or above or disabled, and holder of Medical Fee Waiver Certificate; or
 - Aged 60 or above or disabled, and meeting the income & asset limits stipulated at item 1(c) of Appendix 1 of Integrated Building Rehabilitation Assistance Scheme (IBRAS)
4. Applicant should include all registered owners of the property.

Vetting Procedures and Release of Hardship Grant

1. Applicant (i.e. owner of individual unit) should submit the IBRAS application form (For Individual Flat Owner) duly completed, together with copies of the following documents by any of the following methods to URA :-

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(a) On-line application:

Website: <https://www.brplatform.org.hk/e-application>

(b) Submit in person or by post to URA office:

Address: Unit 1001, 10/F, Tower 2, Cheung Sha Wan Plaza,
833 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon

- (i) Copy of the proof of identity of the applicant (All registered owners of the property)
- (ii) Copy of quotation listing out all repair works item and respective costs breakdown
- (iii) Copy of Business Registration Certificate (Form 2) of the contractor appointed for carrying out the repair works in the residential flat
- (iv) Copy of the latest Rates Demand Note of the property
- (v) Copy of the bank account information of the applicant
- (vi) Copy of income proof of the applicant.

2. Applicant should commence the repair works after receipt of the Approval-in-Principle notification. Staff or representatives of URA will conduct flat inspection to assess repair works item and related quotation before commencement of works.
3. Eligible applicants should make **Statutory Declaration** for the correctness and accuracy of the information provided and sign relevant documents as required by URA.

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4. Upon completion of works, applicant has to inform URA. Staff or representatives of URA will carry out inspection to ensure the completion of works.
5. Upon completion of works and receiving the contractor's invoice and certificate of completion, and after verification by URA, the payment of the approved works item or the approved hardship grant amount, whichever is the lower, will be deposited into the applicant's bank account.
6. The processing time of the hardship grant application will be delayed if the information submitted by the applicant is incomplete or the staff or representatives of URA cannot gain access for site inspection.

Other

1. Each eligible applicant will be granted with a maximum of HK\$10,000 "Home Renovation Hardship Grant" within a period of 5 years.
2. Subsidy granted to the applicant within a period of 5 years under "Home Renovation Hardship Grant" is subject to an aggregated amount capping at HK\$10,000.
3. The maximum "Home Renovation Hardship Grant" for each residential unit with shared ownership is capped at HK\$10,000 for each application. The maximum hardship grant for each eligible applicant within a period of 5 years will be calculated according to his / her ownership percentage vested in the unit.

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4. Applicant of “Home Renovation Hardship Grant” must first apply “Home Renovation Interest-free Loan”. The maximum approved loan and hardship grant is capped at HK\$50,000.
5. If the applicant has applied the Building Safety Loan Scheme of Buildings Department on the same repair items and has been approved, the hardship grant application’s approval may be affected.
6. URA reserves the right to amend the above contents at any time without prior notification. Please refer to “Building Rehabilitation Platform” (www.brplatform.org.hk) for the latest version.
7. This application note does not construe as a commitment by URA to the applicant. The terms and conditions of the scheme stipulated in URA’s approval document shall prevail.
8. URA reserves the right to reject the application at any time without disclosure of reasons and shall not be liable to anyone.

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List of Abbreviations

Application Notes for Building (Applicable to Owners' Corporation / Owners' Organisation / Representatives of all owners)

Abbreviation	Application Notes
AN-CAS	Application Notes for Common Area Repair Works Subsidy
AN-LIMSS	Application Notes for Lift Modernisation Subsidy Scheme
AN-OB2.0(Bldg)	Application Notes for Operation Building Bright 2.0 (Applicable to Owners' Organisation of Category 1 Building)
AN-FSWS	Application Notes for Fire Safety Improvement Works Subsidy Scheme
AN-ST	Application Notes for Smart Tender Building Rehabilitation Facilitating Services
AN-MBISS	Application Notes for Mandatory Building Inspection Subsidy Scheme

Application Notes for Individual Flat Owner

Abbreviation	Application Notes
AN- OB2.0(OO)	Application Notes for Operation Building Bright 2.0 (Applicable to Owner- Occupier)
AN-LIMSS (EOO)	Application Notes for Lift Modernisation Subsidy Scheme (Applicable to Elderly Owner- Occupier)
AN-HRIL	Application Notes for Home Renovation Interest-free Loan
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AN-CASHG	Application Notes for Common Area Repair Works Hardship Grant
AN-BSLS	Application Notes for Building Safety Loan Scheme
AN-BMGS	Application Notes for Building Maintenance Grant Scheme for Elderly Owners