



Local Mask Production Subsidy Scheme

Fact Sheet

Intro

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) has engaged Hong Kong Productivity Council (HKPC) as the Secretariat of the “Local Mask Production Subsidy Scheme” to process relevant applications from local companies who seek to produce masks in Hong Kong and monitor the project progress, in hope of expediting the manufacturing of “Made in Hong Kong” masks.



Eligibility for Application

The Secretariat will process subsidy applications from local companies who have already set up or in readiness to establish mask production lines in Hong Kong.

An applicant must be a company holding a valid Business Registration Certificate and a valid Certificate of Incorporation in Hong Kong and demonstrate the following five conditions when submitting an application:

- having the production equipment in Hong Kong;
- having the raw materials in Hong Kong;
- having already in place or rented the production venue in Hong Kong;
- having already in place, rented existing or under-construction clean room facilities in Hong Kong; and
- each production line being able to produce at least 500,000 masks per month.

In addition, an eligible applicant should possess the following capabilities:

- 1) Have already set up or planning to streamline the mask production lines, and that the conditions and scale of operations, such as machinery, raw materials, production output and quality, should attain the prescribed standards (See details in application guidelines);
- 2) Each production line should commence operation within 2020, with a guaranteed production capacity of at least 500,000 masks per month;
- 3) Production lines should maintain in operation for a year;
- 4) Capability proof to acquiring the Level 1 standard of the latest version of American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) F2100 for masks, ISO 13485:2016 quality management system standard, and to achieving ISO Class 8 under ISO 14644-1 for clean room upon commencement of operation.





Subsidy Amount

- A subsidy of up to HK\$3 million to be given to each company for setting up the 1st production line, plus an additional subsidy of up to HK\$2 million for each additional production line. The Government will initially accept applications from companies each with at most two production lines;
- The subsidy will be granted based on the production output assessment. The amount will then be released in four stages, in accordance with the fulfillment of different objectives after production:
 - 1st stage : Company granted with quota(s) should have passed on-site inspection and duly signed agreement(s) with the Government;
 - 2nd stage : Mask production output and quality achieved prescribed standards, including mask production in clean room and acquired the Level 1 standard of the latest version of ASTM F2100;
 - 3rd stage : Masks produced should have achieved ISO 13485:2016 quality management system standard by an accredited certification body; clean room facilities should have obtained ISO Class 8 under ISO 14644-1; plus reaching the production output;
 - Final stage : Full production reaching production output; final report is considered acceptable and satisfactory.



Application Time and Other Information

- The Scheme is open for application from 2 March 2020 until 31 December 2020, or the quota of all 20 production lines is exhausted, whichever is earlier.
- The subsidy will be granted to a maximum of first 20 mask production lines.
- The Secretariat will monitor operation and quality management systems (QMS) of the subsidised production lines on a bi-monthly basis.
- The Government will commit to a one-year order from each production line:
 - For those producing two million masks or less per month, all such masks must be sold to the Government.
 - For those producing more than two million masks per month, upon fulfilling the Government's order of two million masks, they can sell the surplus for local consumption but shall not export them.
 - The purchase price of masks is determined by the Government based on the specified production costs of the production lines, with detailed arrangement to follow the agreements signed between the Government and the applicants.

Applicant should submit a completed application form, along with the relevant proof of documents, including existing factory information, machinery and materials, or purchase order of machinery to the Secretariat for verification and vetting, then to the Government for approval.

The Scheme is now open for application. Please refer to u.hkpc.org/mask for details, or contact HKPC's Local Mask Production Support Hotline: +852 2788 6035 (Press "2").

Application Form



Guideline

