

Ad Hoc Quotas for Cross-boundary Private Cars

Introduction

To further facilitate the economic, social and cultural exchanges between Guangdong and Hong Kong, the Governments of both sides have agreed to introduce ad hoc quotas to provide private car owners who do not have regular quotas with an additional means of transport to cross the boundary. With effect from 30 March 2012, a trial scheme has been launched at the Shenzhen Bay Port with the issue of ad hoc quotas to qualified owners of Hong Kong private cars, which allows them to drive their own cars into the Guangdong Province via the Shenzhen Bay Port for a short stay.

The Scheme

Features of the ad hoc quota are as follows:

- (a) Eligible Hong Kong private cars can enter the Guangdong Province via the Shenzhen Bay Port once within the 5-day Quota Validity Period; and
- (b) they can stay in the Guangdong Province for not more than 7 days (counted from the day of departure from Hong Kong) and must return to Hong Kong within these 7 days via the Shenzhen Bay Port.

To allow more eligible Hong Kong private car owners to join the scheme, each vehicle owner can apply for one quota only each time. Besides, new reservation can only be made at least 6 weeks from the Quota Start Date of the last approved quota.

Eligibility for Application

Applicants shall be owners of a right-hand drive private car with seating capacity of 5 or below (including the driver's seat) registered and licensed in Hong Kong. If the registered owner of the vehicle is a company, the company must be incorporated in Hong Kong and must authorize in writing one of its directors or staff members to act as the applicant. The applicant should be a Hong Kong resident holding a valid "Home Visit Permit" and must be on board the private car concerned when entering the Guangdong Province and returning to Hong Kong.

The private car concerned can be driven by not more than two designated drivers when entering the Guangdong Province, one of whom must be the applicant. If the registered owner of the vehicle is a company, the other designated driver should also be authorized in writing by the company. Designated drivers must hold valid Hong Kong Identity Cards, Home Visit Permits, Hong Kong Full Driving Licences and the People's Republic of China Motor Vehicle Driving Licences (both licences must be granted with private car entitlement).

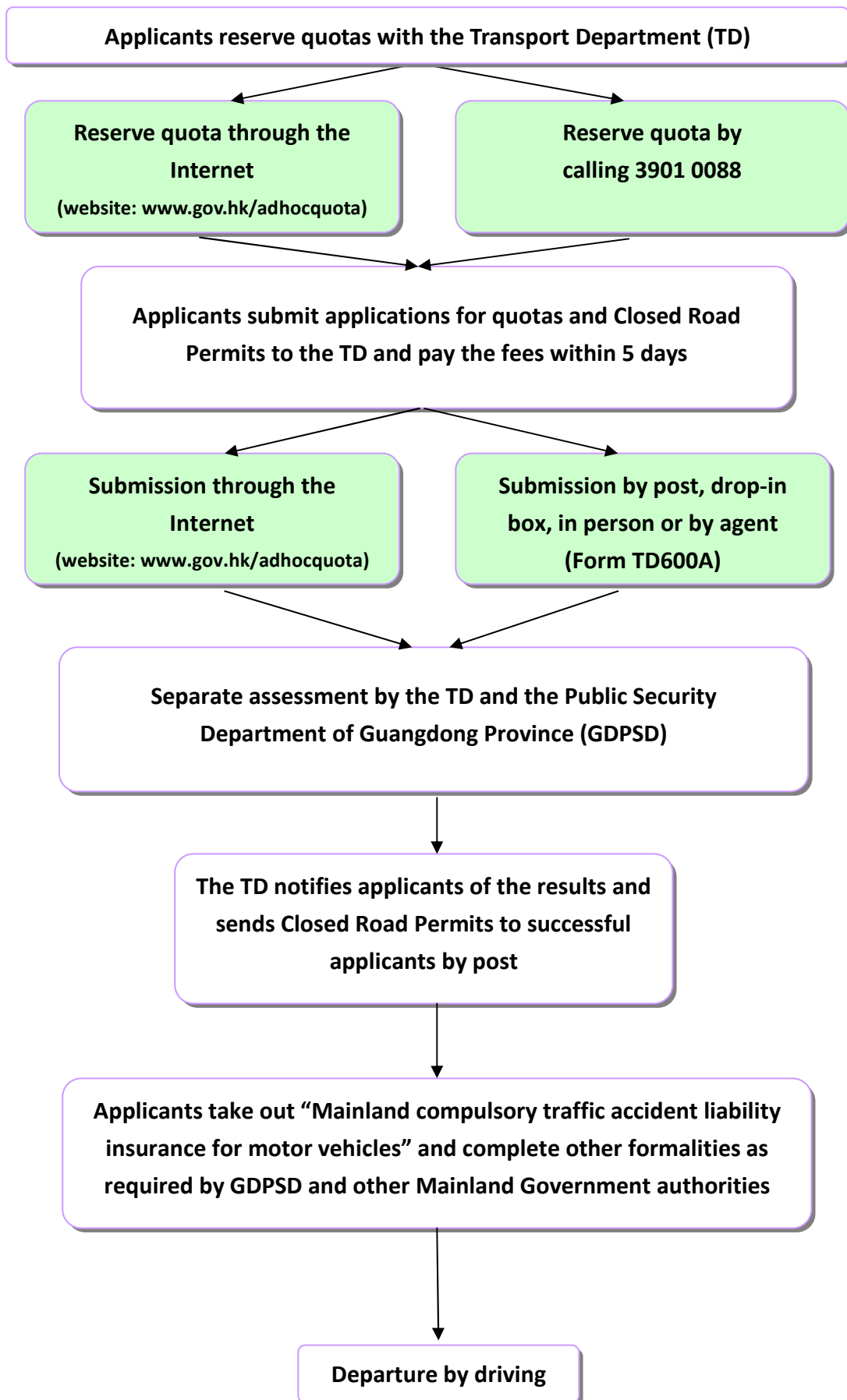
Please note that vehicles under the "Regular Quotas for Hong Kong Private Cars to Guangdong Province" or "Northbound Travel for Hong Kong Vehicles" are not eligible to apply for "Ad Hoc Quotas for Cross Boundary Private Cars".

Application Procedures

For the convenience of the applicants, all procedures required by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (the HKSAR) will be processed and assessed by the Transport Department in one go. The Transport Department will also pass on the application information on behalf of the applicants to relevant Mainland authorities for assessment. The applicant should first reserve a quota with the Transport Department and submit application for the quota and Closed Road Permit within five days. The application will be assessed by the Governments of the Guangdong Province and the HKSAR separately. After the assessment by both Governments, the Transport Department will inform the applicant of the assessment result. Upon the approval of application by both Governments, the applicant needs to complete the formalities as required by the Mainland Government authorities through their authorized organisations in Hong Kong (including China Travel Service (Hong Kong) Limited and the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce).

The detailed procedures of the relevant workflow are provided overleaf.

Application Workflow



Application Fees

Reservation of an ad hoc quota with the Transport Department is free of charge and a fee of HK\$45 will be charged for application for Closed Road Permit with the Transport Department.

Applicants need to complete the formalities as required by the Mainland Government. At present, China Travel Service (Hong Kong) Limited (CTS(HK)) provides applicants with a comprehensive service package, which includes taking out “Mainland compulsory traffic accident liability insurance for motor vehicles” through CTS(HK)'s Mainland agencies for a period of 11 days as provided by the insurance company in the Mainland, applying for the temporary licence and permits as required by the Guangdong Provincial Public Security Department and collecting the inspection and quarantine fee on behalf of the Shenzhen Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau; while the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce (HKGCC) handles the applications for ATA Carnet as required by the Mainland Customs. The fee for completing the above formalities is about HK\$1,500 to HK\$2,300. The fee levels are set by the relevant authorised organisations.

In addition, applicants are required to submit Proof of Guarantee to HKGCC. Individual insurance companies would issue guarantee letter as Proof of Guarantee with minimum charge of HK\$300. The exact fee level will depend on the amount of guarantee.

Apart from the fees mentioned above, applicants should also consider taking out other related insurance like travel insurance, commercial third party liability insurance and liability insurance for cross-boundary vehicle owners according to their own situation to extend the scope of coverage of insurance and enhance protection.

Enquiry

For the detailed information of the Scheme, you may visit the home page of the Transport Department at www.td.gov.hk or call the Transport Department's hotline at 2804 2600.

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