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Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing Ordinance, Cap. 615 ("AMLO"), Part 5A



Guidelines issued by the Registrar



公司註冊處 COMPANIES REGISTRY

Guideline on Licensing of Trust or Company Service Providers

March 2018

("Licensing Guideline")



公司註冊處 COMPANIES REGISTRY

Guideline on Compliance of Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing Requirements for Trust or Company Service Providers

March 2018

("AML/CTF Guideline")



Apply for a TCSP licence BEFORE carrying on trust or company service business in Hong Kong

Carry on business WITHOUT a licence

- An offence under s.53F of AMLO













Imprisonment up to 6 months



Application for new TCSP Licence (1)

Do I need to apply for a TCSP licence?



Definition of "trust or company service" (Chapter 2.2 of Licensing Guideline)

By way of business

undertakes
one or more
of the
activities of a
TCSP

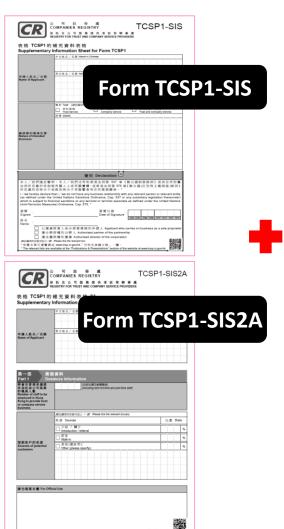
aims to make a profit when carrying out the activity carries out the activity with reasonable or recognizable continuity

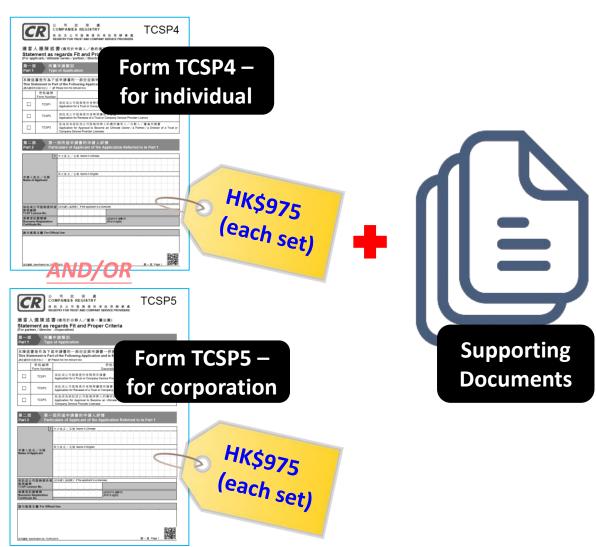
advertises or publicizes business activity or receives referrals from other companies



Application for new TCSP Licence (2) – Application documents









Application for new TCSP Licence (3) – Licence

I have just applied for a TCSP licence. Can I carry on trust or company service now?





NO.

You can only carry on trust or company service **AFTER** you are granted a TCSP licence.

牌照編號 Licence No. TC00XXXX



(打擊洗錢及恐怖分子資金籌集條例)

ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING AND COUNTER-TERRORIST FINANCING ORDINANCE

SAMPLE COMPANY LIMITED

is granted a licence on XX XX XXXX to carry on a trust or company service

有效期由 XXXX 年 XX 月 XX 日至 XXXX 年 XX 月 XX 日,

This licence shall be valid from XX XX XXXX to XX XXXX, unless suspended or revoked earlier.

Business address of the Licensee:

FLAT/ROOM 1208, 12/F, SAMPLE COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 22 SAMPLE STREET, HONG KONG

香港特別行政區公司註冊處處長徐麗貞

Registrar of Companies Hong Kong Special Administrative Region



Application for new TCSP Licence (4) – Points to note

• Submit valid Business (not Branch) Registration Certificate

請沿虛線剪下並將有效的商業/分行登記證展示在營業地點。

Please cut along the dotted line and display the valid business/branch registration certificate at business addres





Application for new TCSP Licence (5) – Points to note (Cont'd)

- Provide information on relevant persons:
 - Ultimate Owner (not shareholder) (Paragraph 4.3 of Licensing Guideline)
 - Director / Partner
 - Compliance Officer (CO)
 - Money Laundering Reporting Officer (MLRO)
- CO and MLRO: normally based in Hong Kong (Paragraph 3.5(b) of AML/CTF Guideline)
- Exempted person with supporting documents submitted (Professional Accountants Ordinance, Cap. 50 / Legal Practitioners Ordinance, Cap. 159)
- Submit Annex (i.e. Authorization) to Form TCSP4



Licensing conditions (1)



The Licensee should appoint a CO and an MLRO during the term of the licence and should ensure that a new CO or MLRO (as the case may be) is appointed within 7 days where a vacancy occurs in the two posts.



The Licensee should put in place adequate and proper anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing policies, procedures and controls, as evidenced by policy statement(s) or other written documents.



The Licensee should provide information relating to his business during the term of the licence as may be required by the Registrar of Companies and such information should be provided within such time as the Registrar of Companies may specify.



A TCSP Licensee may be subject to disciplinary actions by the Registrar for any non-compliance with the licensing conditions.



Licensing conditions (2) – Points to note



Resignation and appointment of CO and MLRO ("the Change")

- ✓ Deliver Form TCSP6 within **one** month beginning on the date on which the Change takes place.
- ✓ Keep proper documents or records showing:
 - (a) appointment of CO and MLRO
 - (b) duties and responsibilities of CO and MLRO



Licensing conditions (3) – Points to note (Cont'd)



AML/CTF policy and procedure statement

- ✓ Make reference to CR's AML/CTF Guideline for TCSPs and
- ✓ Tailor-make your own AML/CTF policy and procedure statements which are applicable to and suitable for the TCSP business you carry on



Provide CR with information/documents relating to your business upon request

- ✓ Examples: Supplementary Information Sheet, explanatory letter
- √ To submit by deadline as specified
- ✓ Ensure business email address, business telephone/fax number filed with CR are correct and updated



Filing obligations of a TCSP Licensee (1)

Report changes in particulars of Licensee or its relevant person

Within

ONE MONTH of the change

Form TCSP6

Obtain approval for adding ultimate owner / partner / director

BEFORE adding ultimate owner / partner / director

Form TCSP4 / 5

HK\$1,140

HK\$975
(each set)

Notify cessation of trust or company service business

BEFORE tended date

the intended date of cessation

Form TCSP7



Filing obligations of a TCSP Licensee (2) – Points to note



A TCSP Licensee may be liable to prosecution and subject to disciplinary actions by the Registrar for any non-compliance with the filing requirements





Filing obligations of a TCSP Licensee (3) – Points to note



Prior approval by the Registrar is required

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the proposed ultimate owner / partner / director is **NOT** an exempted person



Form TCSP6

- ✓ Complete and attach correct schedule(s)
- ✓ Submit supporting documents according to the checklist as attached to Form TCSP6

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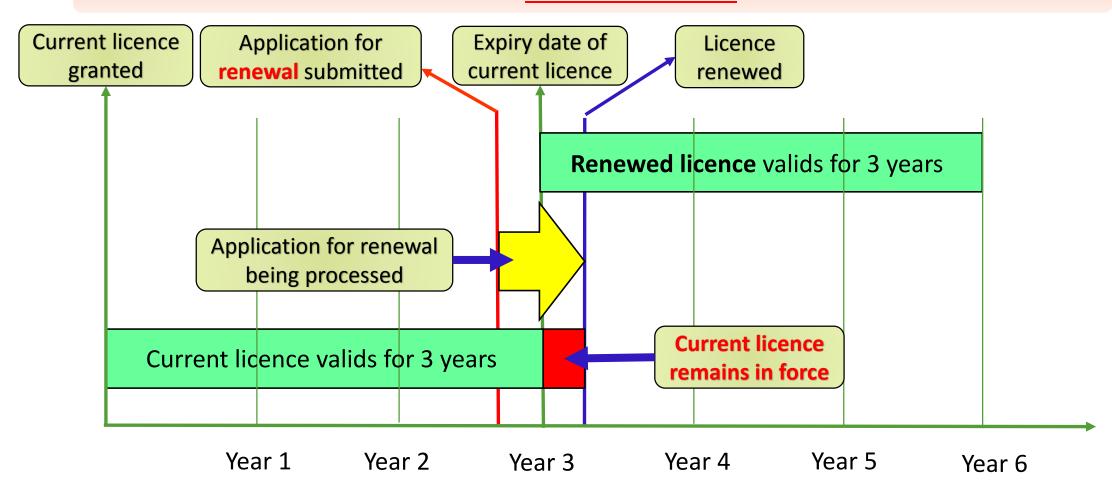
請在適用的空格內加上 V號 Please tick the relevant box(es)

改變的類別 Type(s) of Changes	隨本表格交付的附表 Schedule(s) Attached with this Form
 引人的詳情的改變 nge in particulars of <mark>Licensee</mark>	附表 A Schedule A
,是持牌人的相關人士 sation of being a Relevant Person of Licensee	附表 B Schedule B
、相關人士/相關人士的詳情的改變-屬個人 tion of a Relevant Person/Change in particulars of <mark>a Relevant Person – Individual</mark>	附表 C Schedule C
相關人士/相關人士的詳情的改變-屬法團 tion of a Relevant Person/Change in particulars of a Relevant Person – Corporation	附表 D Schedule D
₽人/相關人士「適當人選」狀況的改變 nge in <mark>fit and proper status of Licensee ∕a Relevant Person</mark>	附表 E Schedule E



Application for renewal of TCSP Licence (1)

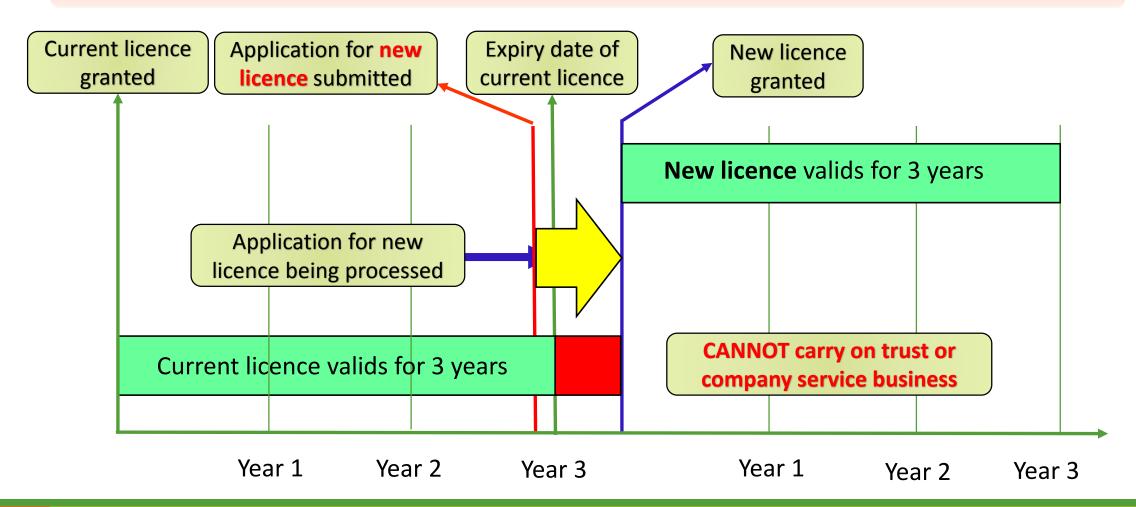
Application must be submitted at least 60 days before the licence expires





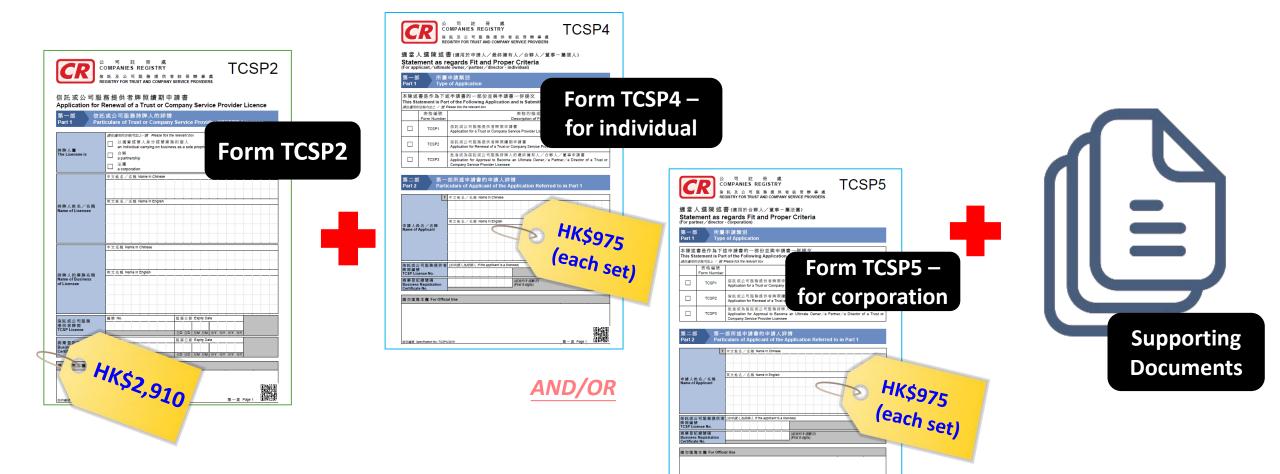
Application for renewal of TCSP Licence (2)

Licensee fails to submit application at least 60 days before the licence expires





Application for renewal of TCSP Licence (3) – Application documents





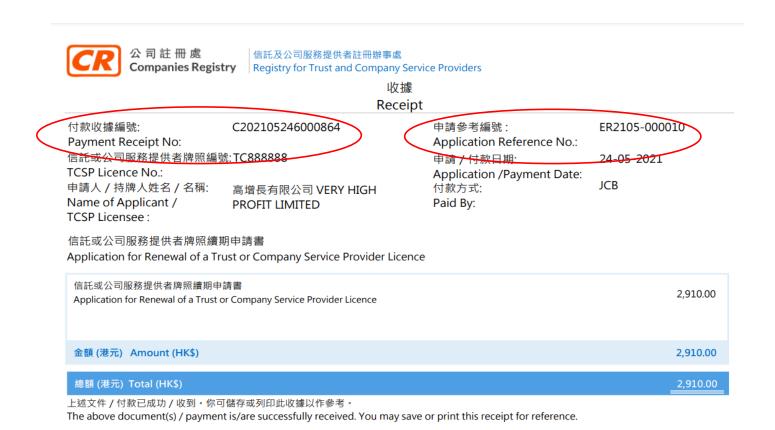
Application for renewal of TCSP Licence (4) – Points to note

- Information filled in Form TCSP2 should be consistent with the records previously provided to the Registrar
- Ensure changes in particulars of Licensee or its relevant person (e.g. change in business address / email address of the Licensee; change in correspondence address of the relevant person; cessation of the relevant person) have been reported in Form TCSP6
- Ensure prior approval for adding ultimate owner / partner / director (application made in Form TCSP3) has been granted by the Registrar



Application for renewal of TCSP Licence (5) – Points to note (Cont'd)

Ensure e-application is submitted with payment made. E-receipt will be generated for record.





Licensing Guideline



公司註冊處 COMPANIES REGISTRY

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March 2018

Definition on "trust or company service business"

Licensing exemptions, e.g. accounting professional, legal professional

Prior approval and fit and proper test for non-exempted person to act as ultimate owner, partner and/or director

Renewal of licence

Reporting changes in particulars

Cessation of trust or company service business

Ongoing obligations

Disciplinary actions

Fee schedule



AML/CTF Guideline (1) – Points to note

TCSP licensees are required to:

- mitigate the risk of money laundering / terrorist financing ("ML / TF")
- comply with the AMLO

Relevant Legislation

AMLO Chapter 615

Drug Trafficking
(Recovery of
Proceeds) Ordinance,
Chapter 405

Organized and Serious Crimes Ordinance, Chapter 455

United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance, Chapter 575 TCSP licensees must assess the ML / TF risk of their businesses, develop and implement policies, procedures and controls on the following aspects





AML/CTF Guideline (2) – Points to note (Cont'd)

Customer Due Diligence ("CDD") are required to be performed by TCSP licensees



before establishing a business relationship with the customer



before conducting any occasional transaction that involves an amount = HK\$120,000

when they **suspec**t that the customer or the **customer's account** is involved in ML / TF

when they **doubt** the **veracity or adequacy** of any information previously obtained

identifying customer and verifying customer's identity

identifying
beneficial owner
and verifying
beneficial owner's
identity

CDD

obtaining
information on the
purpose and
intended nature of
the business
relationship (if any)
established with
the TCSP licensee

identifying the person purports to act on behalf of the customer and verifying the person's identity and authority to act



AML/CTF Guideline (3) - Points to note (Cont'd)

Screening of Customer

(Chapter 8 of the AML/CTF Guideline)

Ongoing Monitoring

(Chapter 6 of the AML/CTF Guideline)

Record-keeping

(Chapter 9 of the AML/CTF Guideline)



5 YEARS

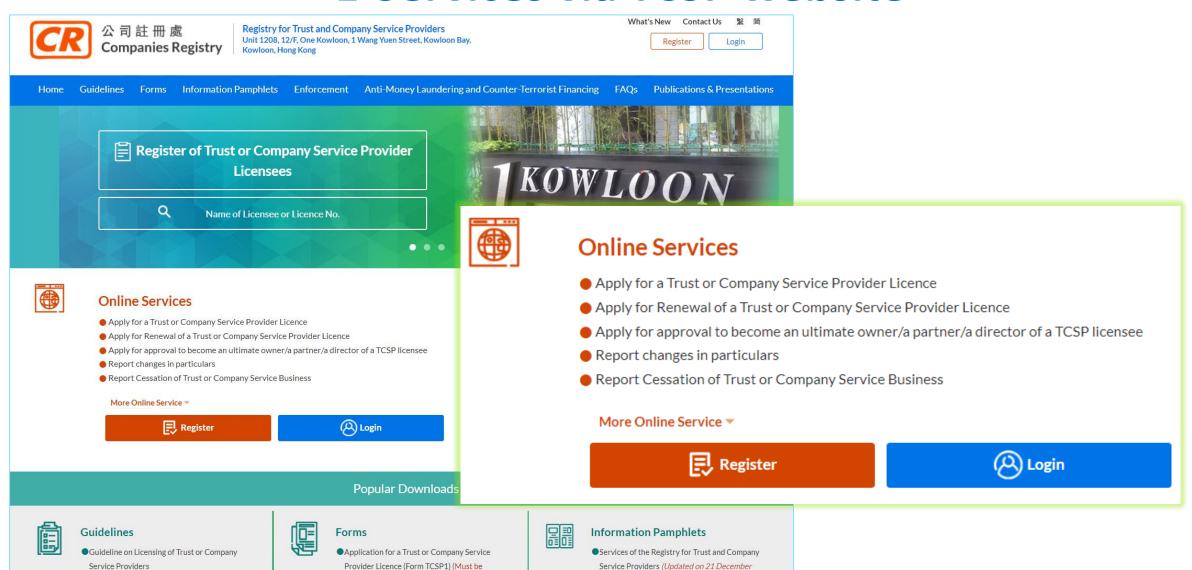
Staff Training

(Chapter 10 of the AML/CTF Guideline)





E-Services via TCSP website



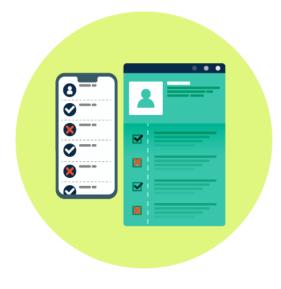


E-Services via TCSP website – iAM Smart (1)

Support iAM Smart features – to be launched by end June 2021







"e-ME" Form Filling



Digital Signing



E-Services via TCSP website – iAM Smart (2)





Authentication

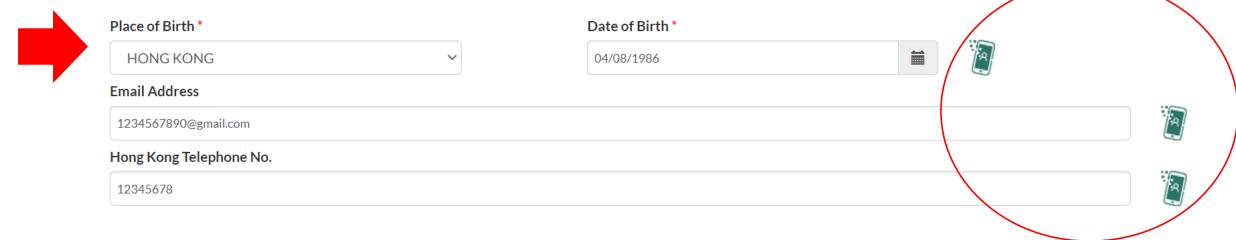
You can login by User ID or Digital Certificate: Note: Please read the Security Statement and be reminded that the user account will be locked after 5 consecutive login failures. User ID Password Forget User ID Forget Password Reject Login Login By Digital Certificate

More Info >

E-Services via TCSP website – iAM Smart (3)







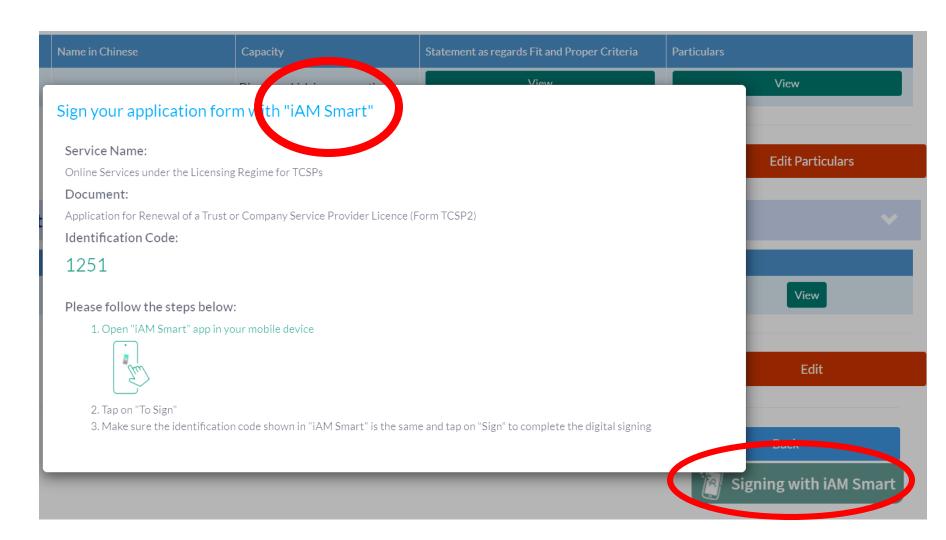


E-Services via TCSP website – iAM Smart (4)





Digital Signing



Thank you



