

Points to Note for Applicants / Holders of TCSP Licences

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Topics

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Ordinance governing TCSP Licensing Regime



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





Fine up to HK\$100,000







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" (Paragraph 2.2 of Licensing Guideline)

By way of business

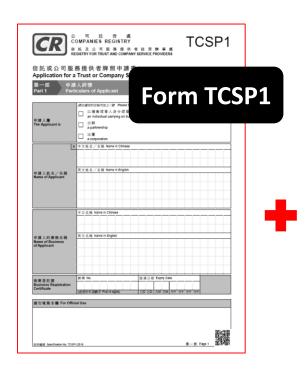
undertakes
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TCSP

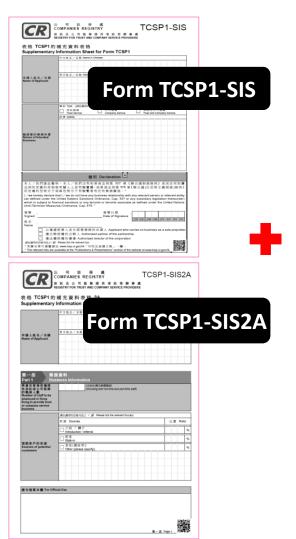
aims to make a profit when carrying out the activity carries out the activity with reasonable or recognizable continuity

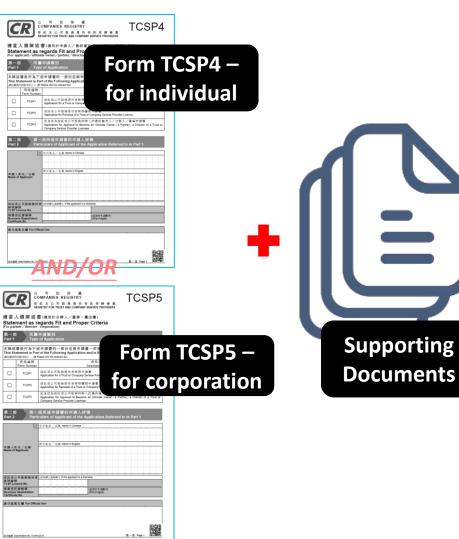
advertises or publicizes business activity or receives referrals from other companies



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 business now?







You can only carry on trust or company service business

AFTER

you are granted a TCSP licence.

牌照編號 Licence No. TC00XXXX



公司註冊處

【打擊洗錢及恐怖分子賣金籌集條例》 (第 615 章)

ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING AND COUNTER-TERRORIST FINANCING ORDINANCE
(CHAPTER 615)

信託或公司服務提供者牌照 TRUST OR COMPANY SERVICE PROVIDER LICENCE

> 示範有限公司 SAMPLE COMPANY LIMITED

於 XXXX 年 XX 月 XX 日獲批牌照在香港經營信託或公司服務業務。 is granted a licence on XX XX XXXX to carry on a trust or company service business in Hong Kong

此牌照的有效期由 XXXX 年 XX 月 XX 日至 XXXX 年 XX 月 XX 日,在此日期前被暫時吊銷或撤銷者除外。

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

持牌人的營業地址:

Business address of the Licensee:

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

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香港特別行政區公司註冊處處長徐麗貞

Ms Kitty TSU

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 the 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 duly completed and signed 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.





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



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 TCSP3

Form TCSP4 / 5

Notify cessation of trust or company service business

BEFORE

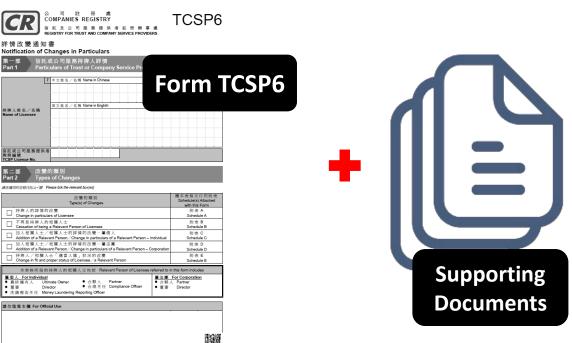
the intended date of cessation

Form TCSP7



Filing obligations of a TCSP Licensee (2) – Case 1





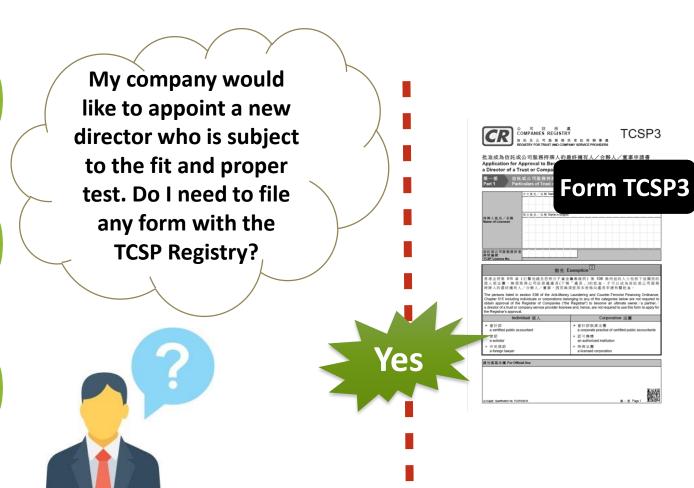
Report the changes

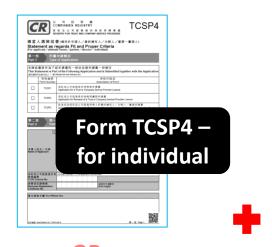
Within ONE MONTH



Filing obligations of a TCSP Licensee (3) – Case 2

TCSP3











Filing obligations of a TCSP Licensee (4) – Case 2 (Cont'd)

My company would like to appoint a new director who is subject to the fit and proper test. Do I need to file any form with the TCSP Registry?



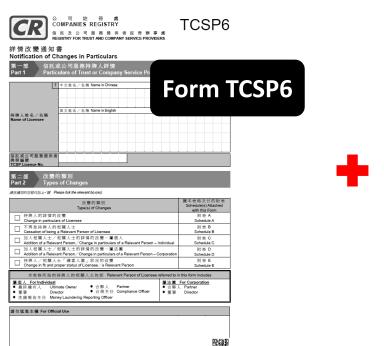
After approval is given and the relevant appointment is made, your company must: -

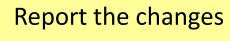
- ♦ file a Form D2A reporting the appointment of the director within 15 days
- notify this Registry of such change by way
 of a Form TCSP6 within one month



Filing obligations of a TCSP Licensee (5) – Case 3







Within ONE MONTH



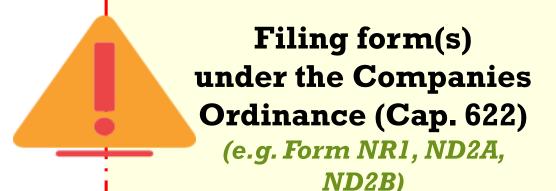
Supporting

Documents

Filing obligations of a TCSP Licensee (6) – 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 form(s) under the AMLO (Cap. 615)

(e.g. Form TCSP3, TCSP6)



Filing obligations of a TCSP Licensee (7) – Points to note (Cont'd)



Prior approval by the Registrar is required

IF

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

第二部 改變的類別 Part 2 Types of Changes

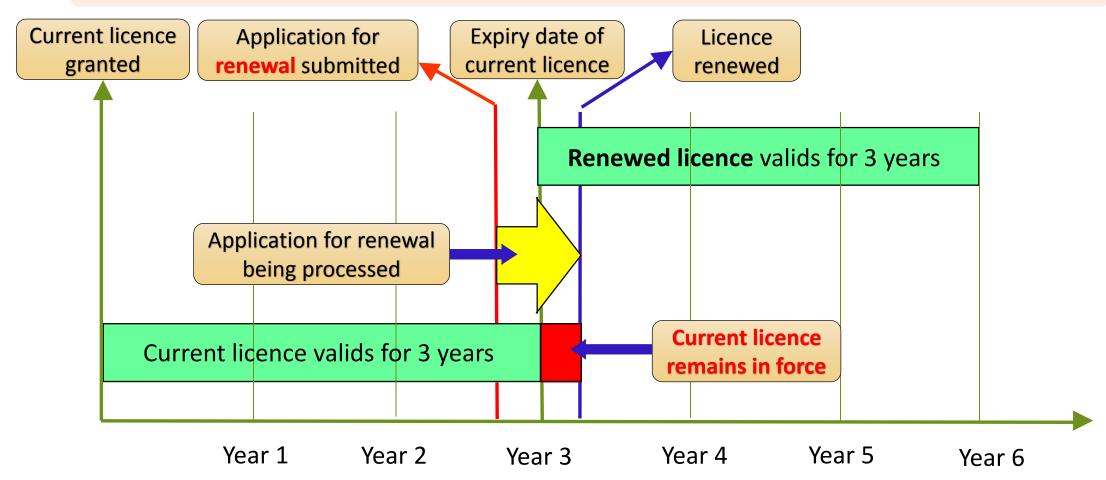
請在適用的空格內加上<號 Please tick the relevant box(es)

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



Application for renewal of TCSP Licence (1)

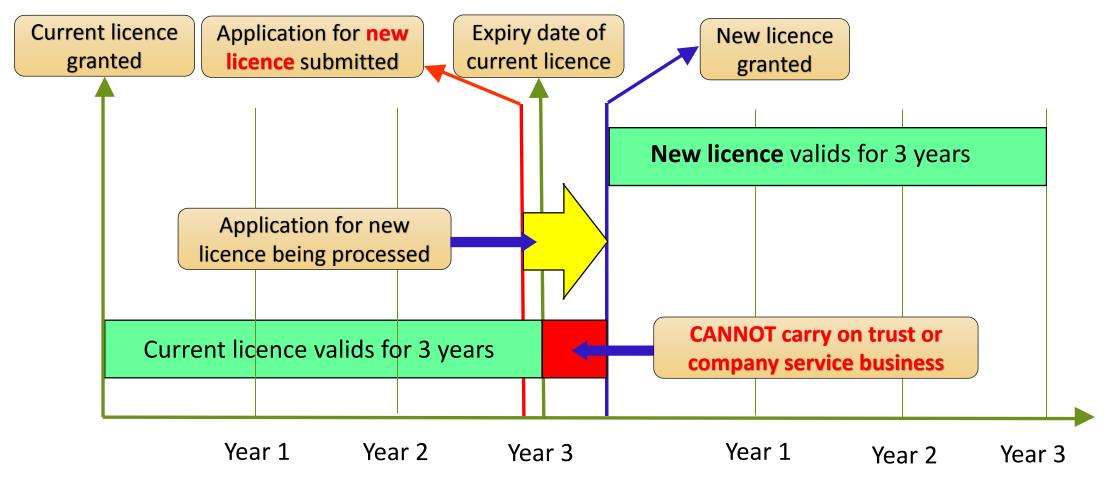
Application must be submitted at least 60 days before the licence expires





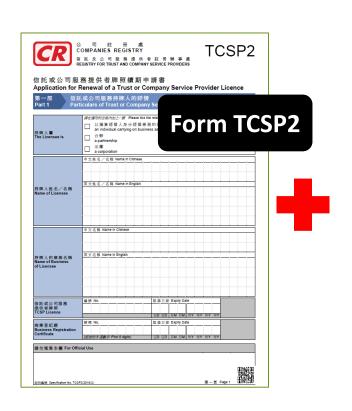
Application for renewal of TCSP Licence (2)

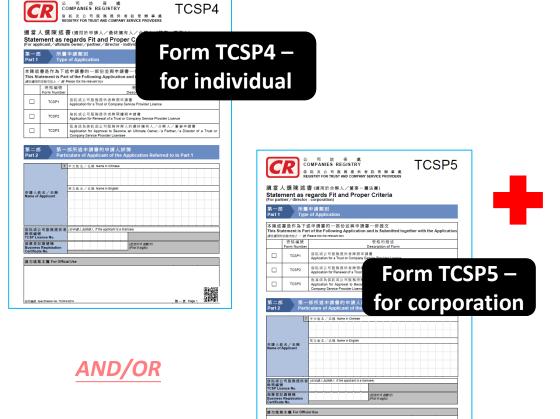
Licensee fails to submit application at least 60 days before the licence expires





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 successfully.
- E-receipt will be generated for record.

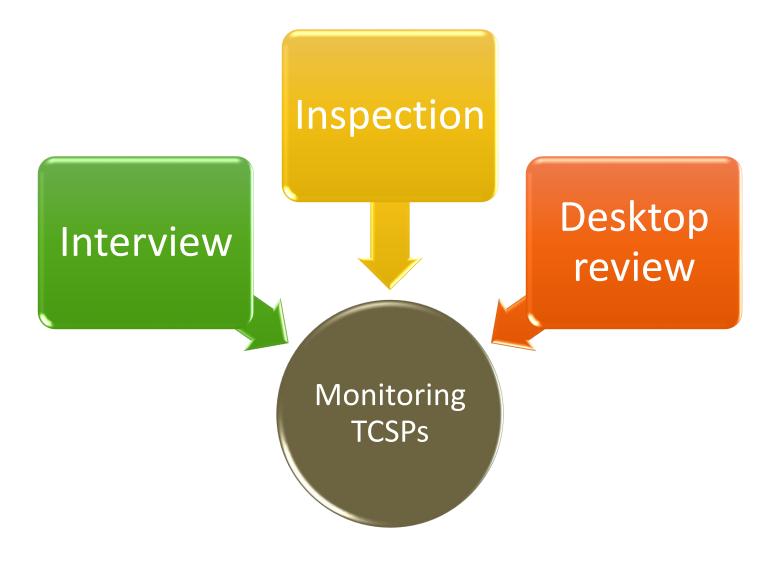




The above document(s) / payment is/are successfully received. You may save or print this receipt for reference.

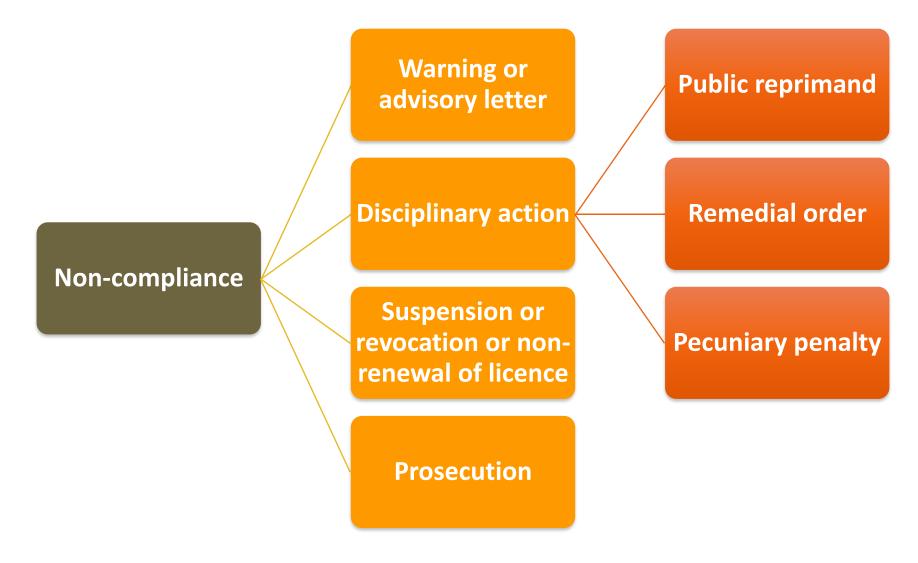


Enforcement of the Licensing Regime (1)





Enforcement of the Licensing Regime (2)



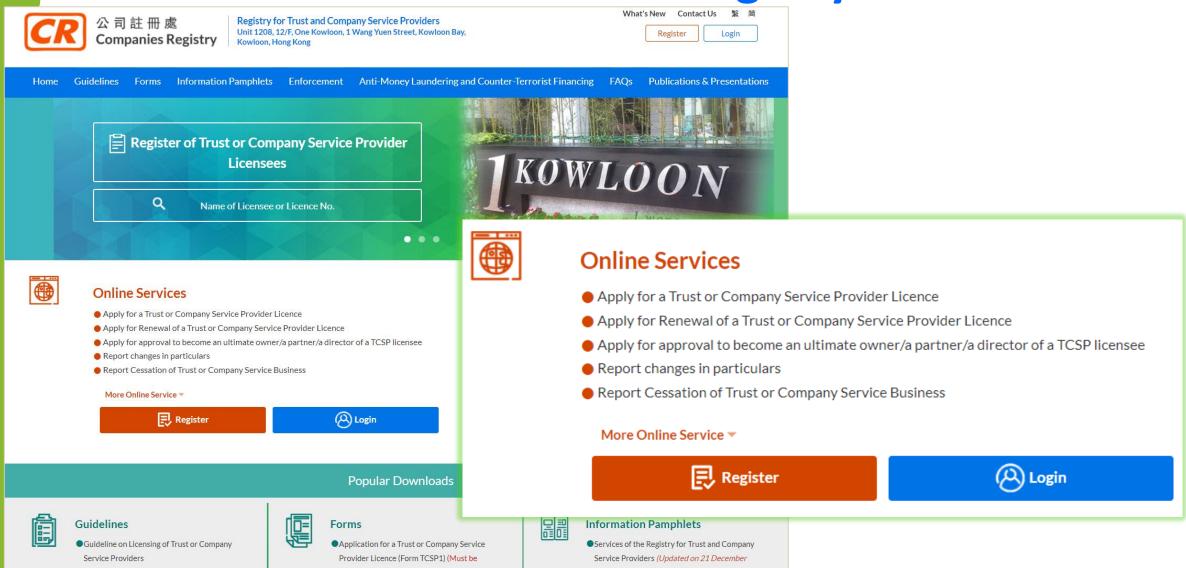


Enforcement of the Licensing Regime (3)





Website of TCSP Registry





Thank you



