



Access to Computerized “A” Rent Rolls Record

District Lands Offices of the Lands Department (“LandsD”) in the New Territories¹ (“NTDLOs”) maintain “A” Rent Rolls, generally known as “A Book”, for the purpose of collection of Government rent. To improve operational efficiency and record management as well as to promote E-Government, LandsD has recently completed the computerization of all the “A Book” in NTDLOs.

2. With effect from 10 July 2023, NTDLOs will allow access to the information in the electronic “A Book” subject to prescribed conditions. As the “A Book” contains personal information of the respective property owner apart from the information of his property, only property owners and the persons authorized by them may have access to their personal information contained in the “A Book” in order to comply with the provisions of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Cap. 486). In general,

- (1) a property owner or his authorized person, may inspect the electronic “A Book” of the property(ies) under his name in the respective offices of NTDLOs free of charge. He may obtain a printed report of the information relating to such property(ies) contained in the electronic “A Book” subject to a charge; and
- (2) members of the public may inspect the electronic “A Book” of property(ies) solely owned by a deceased owner, a Tso/Tong or a company as well as property(ies) jointly owned by any of such parties free of charge. They may obtain a printed report of the information relating to any property(ies) contained in the electronic “A Book” subject to a charge.

The printed report is currently charged at \$325 per property and is subject to revision from time to time. It will contain the following information:

- (a) Lot number;
- (b) New Grant/Building Licence number;
- (c) Site Area;
- (d) Annual Government rent;
- (e) Class/User of the lot;
- (f) Land Registry memorial information, if available; and
- (g) Rent concession status (only for property owner and his authorized person).

¹ NTDLOs refer to District Lands Office (“DLO”)/Islands, DLO/North, DLO/Sai Kung, DLO/Shia Tin, DLO/Tai Po, DLO/Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing, DLO/Tuen Mun and DLO/Yuen Long.

3. With the launch of the above electronic service, the existing arrangement of NTDLOs of allowing property owners and their authorized persons to inspect the original "A Book" will cease.

4. Applications for access to the information in the electronic "A Book" should be submitted to the respective NTDLOs by completing the application form in Annex A, B, or C and where appropriate the consent form in Annex D. Applicants should however note that information contained in "A-Book" is intended only for the internal use of LandsD and thus is not public records. LandsD makes no representation or warranty as to the accuracy and correctness of the contents of "A Book". Applicants are advised to verify the information obtained from "A Book", conduct land search at the Land Registry or seek their own legal advice as appropriate.

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6. LandsD Lands Administration Office Practice Note Nos. 6/2006 and 6/2006A are hereby superseded.



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