

Smart Power Care Fund

Sub-divided Unit (SDU) Rewiring Subsidy Programme

Guide to Application

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 HK Electric establishes a Smart Power Care Fund (the **SPCF**) under its 2019-2033 Scheme of Control Agreement. Under the SPCF, the Sub-divided Unit (SDU) Rewiring Subsidy Programme (the **Rewiring Programme**) provides the needy/disadvantaged households living in SDUs within HK Electric's supply territory with subsidies for rewiring (the **Rewiring Work**) for the installation of individual HK Electric's tariff meters.
- 1.2 The Rewiring Programme, including its availability, the arrangement and terms and conditions of the Programme, is subject to joint review (the **Joint Review**) by HK Electric and HKSAR Government under the 2019-2033 Scheme of Control Agreement from time to time.
- 1.3 The Rewiring Programme is open for application until 31 December 2033 or the funding is fully used up, or a date subject to the Joint Review, whichever is the earlier.
- 1.4 This Guide to Application (the **Guide**) sets out the eligibility criteria, the application and other terms and conditions for the Rewiring Programme. HK Electric may from time to time revise this Guide. Notice of any revision will be conclusively given by publishing the revision on HK Electric's website at www.hkelectric.com or by sending to applicants a copy of the revised Guide or an appropriate extract or summary of the same. Any such revision will replace all previously published Guides and will take effect from the date when the revision is first published on HK Electric's website (or such later date specified in the revision).

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 Application for participation in the Rewiring Programme (the **Application**) will only be considered all of the conditions set out in Sub-clauses a) to d) below are satisfied.

a) Under the Rewiring Programme, eligible SDUs (the **Eligible SDUs**) should:

- i. be SDUs which are residential units formed by splitting a single residential flat (the **Flat**) into two or more internally connected and externally accessible units (reference may be made by HK Electric based on the SDU related information published by relevant departments of the HKSAR Government from time to time);
- ii. be located within HK Electric's supply territory; and
- iii. not be installed with HK Electric's tariff meters.

For the avoidance of doubt, bedspace apartments or the SDUs located at non-residential buildings do not qualify as Eligible SDUs. HK Electric recognizes that households living in certain SDUs not meeting or fully meeting the above criteria are facing exceptional circumstances and can be assisted by the Rewiring Programme, HK Electric may in its sole and absolute discretion consider and decide whether or not to admit participation of those households in the Rewiring Programme on a case by case basis, and its decision shall be final.

- b) The Application shall cover all the SDUs in the Flat under the Application, which should all be Eligible SDUs. The households residing in each and every SDU of the Flat (each an **Applicant** and collectively the **Applicants**) should all agree to submit the Application.
- c) At least one-third of the Applicants,
- i. are households (is a household) facing financial difficulties as recommended by a non-profit-making non-governmental organisations which are either members of The Hong Kong Council of Social Service, or organisations providing subvention services under the Social Welfare Department of the HKSAR Government; or
 - ii. at least one household member of the Applicant is a beneficiary of any one of the following schemes administered by the HKSAR Government (a **Qualified Scheme Beneficiary**):
 - Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme,
 - Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) Scheme,
 - Working Family Allowance (WFA) Scheme, or
 - School Textbook Assistance (TA Scheme).
- d) The Applicants should have obtained a written consent from the landlord of the Flat and/or the associated Building Owners' Corporation to carry on the Rewiring Work.

3. Subsidy Amount

- 3.1 The one-off subsidy amount is based on the full amount of the actual cost of the Rewiring Work and will be disbursed directly to the REC commissioned by HK Electric (as detailed in Clause 5.1) upon completion of the Rewiring Work to the satisfaction of HK Electric. The subsidy amount is subject to a cap of HK\$15,000 per Eligible SDU or HK\$45,000 in total for the Flat.

4. Application Process

- 4.1 The Households who intend to apply for the Rewiring Programme shall submit to HK Electric the completed Application Form duly signed by all Applicants, and the completed Landlord Consent Form duly signed by Owner of the Flat, together with copies of following documents. Application with incomplete signature, information or documents will not be processed.
- a) If any, documentary proof showing the relevant Applicants are Qualified Scheme Beneficiaries; and
 - b) Documentary proof of tenant agreement or the rental payment receipt within recent 3 months of the date of application.
- 4.2 A completed Application Form, Landlord Consent Form together with all the required documents shall be submitted to HK Electric by email to SPCF@hkelectric.com or by post (addressed to Head of Customer Business Development, Customer Services Division, 10/F, Electric Centre, 28 City Garden Road, North Point, Hong Kong). Please mark "Application for Participation in SDU Rewiring Subsidy Programme" in the email subject or on the envelope.
- 4.3 In addition to the information supplied with the Application, HK Electric may in its sole and absolute discretion request Applicants to provide additional information or site visit to process the Application. HK Electric may request Applicants to present HKID Card/Passport for identity verification purposes during site inspection(s), if deemed necessary. If HK Electric is unable to contact the Applicants, or the Applicant(s) is/are unable to provide the required supplementary information or arrange required site visit, HK Electric may terminate the application process at its sole and absolute discretion.
- 4.4 HK Electric will issue a Notification of Application Result to notify the Applicants if the application has been approved.
- 4.5 HK Electric shall arrange site inspection(s) to verify the progress and completion of the Rewiring Work. The Applicants shall agree that HK Electric could take photos of the Rewiring Works and the installation of tariff meters during the site inspection(s) for record.
- 4.6 HK Electric has its sole and absolute discretion to accept/reject any Application/Eligible SDU, and its decision shall be final.

5. Rewiring Work

- 5.1 For the Application approved by HK Electric, the Rewiring Work shall be conducted by a Registered Electrical Contractor (the **REC**) commissioned by HK Electric.

6. Others

- 6.1 HK Electric will not become involved in, nor will it be responsible for, any dispute between Applicants; or between the Applicant, and the landlord of the SDUs/Flat in relation to the Application or other parties interested or claiming an interest in the Flat, SDUs and/or the Rewiring Work in relation to the Application.
- 6.2 HK Electric shall have no responsibility in relation to the Rewiring Work, whether to the Applicants, other household members of the Applicants, the landlord of the SDUs/Flat or any other party, other than to subsidise the Rewiring Work and commission the REC. Save to such extent, under no circumstances shall HK Electric be liable (whether monetary or otherwise) for:
- a) any loss or damage relating to and/or arising out of the Rewiring Work, the SDUs, the Flat, the building at where the Flat is located, of whatsoever nature and howsoever arising, and regardless of whether the Application is approved or not;
 - b) any management and maintenance of the electrical installations under the Rewiring Work and/or electrical installations in the Flat upon completion of the Rewiring Work, or for any incident or accident associated with the usage of the wiring and/or electrical installations whatsoever;
 - c) any loss or damage to any third person; or
 - d) any indirect or consequential or economic loss, or loss of revenue, profit or data.
- 6.3 HK Electric and/or the HKSAR Government may at their discretion verify the data and information provided by the Applicants for compliance with relevant laws and regulatory purposes under its 2019-2033 Scheme of Control Agreement. Upon request, the Applicants shall provide additional data/information and/or provide evidence to HK Electric to prove the accuracy and authenticity of the data and information submitted by the Applicants. The Applicants shall consent to HK Electric and HKSAR Government to carry out site inspection(s) for verification purposes.
- 6.4 If there is any inconsistency or ambiguity between the English and Chinese versions, the English version shall prevail.

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