

## Appendix F: Environmental and Related Licence Application Timeframe

Items	Relevant Legislation	Licensing Authority	Timeframe for Processing by Relevant Authority*
<b>Air Pollution</b>			
1. Application for approval on installation of or alternations to a furnace, oven, chimney or flue	Air Pollution Control (Furnaces, Ovens and Chimneys) Regulation	Environmental Protection Department	90% in 16 days
2. Application for the Specified Process Licence	Air Pollution Control (Specified Processes) Regulation	Environmental Protection Department	Depending very much on the nature and complexity of individual applications.
<b>Noise</b>			
3. Application for the Construction Noise Permit	Noise Control Ordinance	Environmental Protection Department	90% in 18 days
<b>Water Pollution</b>			
4. Application for the Effluent Discharge Licence	Water Pollution Control Ordinance	Environmental Protection Department	14 days for discharge made into public sewers (for discharge made directly into Hong Kong waters, 40 days after publication of application notice in newspaper would normally be required)
<b>Waste Management</b>			
5. Application for registration as chemical waste producer	Waste Disposal (Chemical Waste) (General) Regulation	Environmental Protection Department	98% in 30 days
6. Application for the licence for storage of dangerous goods if some of your chemical waste belongs to dangerous goods (Categories 2 to 10 excluding liquefied petroleum gas and Category 9A [combustible goods])	Dangerous Goods Ordinance	Fire Services Department	28 working days for issuance of fire safety requirements + 6 working days upon confirmation of full compliance with the safety requirements
7. Application for the Waste Disposal Licence if you opt to carry out in-house reprocessing, recycling and/or treatment of over 1,000 liters or kg per day of your generated chemical waste	Waste Disposal (Chemical Waste) (General) Regulation	Environmental Protection Department	Depending very much on the nature and complexity of individual applications.
8. Application for the Marine Dumping Permit	Dumping at Sea Ordinance	Environmental Protection Department	90% in 18 days
<b>Material Storage</b>			
9. Application for the licence for storage of dangerous goods belonging to Categories 2 to 10 (excluding liquefied petroleum gas and Category 9A [combustible goods])	Dangerous Goods Ordinance	Fire Services Department	28 working days for issuance of fire safety requirements + 6 working days upon confirmation of full compliance with the safety requirements

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<b>Statutory Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Process for Designated Projects Only</b>			
10. Application for EIA study brief	Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance	Environmental Protection Department	45 days (including 14 days for public inspection of project profile)
11. Application for permission to apply directly for an Environmental Permit	Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance	Environmental Protection Department	45 days (including 14 days for public inspection of project profile)
12. Review of EIA report	Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance	Environmental Protection Department	60 days
13. Approval or rejection of EIA report	Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance	Environmental Protection Department	30 days after the 60-day period of public consultation of EIA report or receipt of further information as may be required during the consultation period
14. Issuance of Environmental Permit	Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance	Environmental Protection Department	30 days

**Electronic form submissions for applying some of the EPD's licences and permits are available at the Environmental Protection Interactive Centre via [www.epd.gov.hk/epd/epic/english/licence.html](http://www.epd.gov.hk/epd/epic/english/licence.html)**

\*Notes:

All the timeframes specified above are based on:

1. the performance pledge of relevant licensing authorities; and
2. the assumption that all the relevant documents and necessary information supporting the applications have been received in full by the licensing authorities.