

**Proposed Adaptation Periods for Amendments
to the Smoking (Public Health) Ordinance**

* “Appointed day” refers to the publication date of the Amendment Ordinance (if passed).

Nature	Proposed Legislative Amendment	Proposed Adaptation Date	
Expansion of Statutory No Smoking Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To prohibit smoking in all indoor workplaces and public places; the indoor areas of all restaurants, karaoke establishments and bars open to all age groups; the indoor areas of residential care homes and treatment centres; the entirety of child care centres, schools, hospitals, approved institutions, places of detention or refuge and reformatory schools 	1 January 2007	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To exempt domestic premises, living accommodation provided by employers to employees (except communal quarters), bedspace apartments, rooms in hotels or guesthouses and designated areas in the Airport Authority and correctional facilities from the smoking ban 	1 January 2007	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide exemption for live performance or recording for film or TV program 	1 January 2007	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To allow for designated tasting rooms in cigar shops and manufacturing or business premises of tobacco companies 	1 January 2007	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To prohibit smoking in the indoor areas of bars open to those aged 18 and above only, mahjong parlors, commercial bathhouses, massage establishments, mahjong clubs and nightclubs 	1 July 2009	
	<i>Related Amendments</i>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To add in new definitions for “inspector” and new venues listed in Schedule 2 	Appointed day	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To replace the definitions of “amusement game centre” and “retail container” 	Appointed day	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To add in new definitions of “indoor” and “school” 	1 January 2007	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To repeal the definitions of “agency” and “principal officer” 	1 January 2007	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To replace the definitions of “manager” and “restaurant premises” 	1 January 2007	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To amend the definitions of “no smoking area” and “public transport carrier” 	1 January 2007	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To repeal the statutory requirement for managers to put up no-smoking signs, the corresponding offence and SHWF’s power to prescribe the form of no smoking signs 	1 January 2007	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To repeal the existing section 6A of the Ordinance, which requires the display of signs outside restaurants 	1 January 2007	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To repeal the existing section 3(1C) of the Ordinance, which requires managers of restaurants to designate not less than one-third of the area to be non-smoking 	1 January 2007
Advertisement and Promotion of Tobacco Products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To revoke the current exemption on display of tobacco advertisement at retail outlets employing 2 employees or less 	1 November 2007
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To revoke the current exemption on display of tobacco advertisement at licensed hawker stalls 	1 November 2009
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To impose new requirements on price boards and price markers 	1 January 2007
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To prohibit the package sale of a tobacco product with any other merchandise 	1 January 2007
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To further restrict the appearance of brand name of tobacco product in the advertisement of non-tobacco products and in sponsored events 	1 January 2007
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To prohibit tobacco advertisements in printed publications printed, published or distributed in Hong Kong 	1 January 2007
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To require health warnings on price boards of tobacco products 	1 January 2007
Packaging of Tobacco Products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To require the package/container of tobacco products to bear health warnings with pictorial or graphic contents 	Appointed day
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To increase the area containing the health warnings of any tobacco product packet/container to at least 50% of the principal display surfaces 	Appointed day
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To require grandfathered brands to bear a notation in the prescribed form on cigarette packets 	Appointed day
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline for compliance with the requirements of graphic health warnings and notations 	First anniversary of Appointed day
Law Enforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To enable the staff of Tobacco Control Office to take enforcement actions against the offences in the Ordinance (except offences in Part III, which are enforceable by the Customs and Excise Service) 	Appointed day
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To increase the penalty level for incorrect tar and nicotine yield on cigarette packs 	Appointed day
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To increase the penalty level for offences relating to advertising tobacco products and display of tobacco advertisements 	Appointed day