

**L.N. 208 of 2015**

**Census and Statistics (2016 Population Census) Order**

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 9 of the  
Census and Statistics Ordinance (Cap. 316))

**1. Commencement**

This Order comes into operation on 17 December 2015.

**2. Interpretation**

In this Order—

**2016 census** (2016年普查) means a census of population referred to in section 3(1);

**census reference moment** (普查參考時刻) means 3 a.m. on 30 June 2016;

**premises** (處所) includes a staircase, a corridor and an unsheltered place;

**vessel** (船隻)—

(a) means any description of vessel, whether or not it is used in navigation or constructed or adapted for use in navigation; and

(b) includes a ship and a boat.

**3. Census to be taken**

(1) The Commissioner must take a census of population from 30 June 2016 to 2 August 2016 (both dates inclusive) to obtain particulars of—

(a) persons dwelling in Hong Kong—

- (i) including persons dwelling on board a vessel in Hong Kong other than an excluded vessel; but
  - (ii) excluding any naval, military or air force personnel;
  - (b) premises, other than a vessel, in Hong Kong that are occupied by any person under paragraph (a) for dwelling purposes, and households in those premises; and
  - (c) vessels on board of which persons under paragraph (a)(i) dwell, and households on board those vessels.
- (2) In this section—

*excluded vessel* (豁除船隻) means—

- (a) a vessel used by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, the Central People's Government or the government of a foreign state, at the time when a census officer seeks access to the vessel; or
- (b) a warship.

#### **4. Purpose of census**

The purpose of the 2016 census is to obtain information on the demographic, social and economic characteristics of the population of Hong Kong at the time of the taking of the census.

#### **5. Sampling methods may be used**

The Commissioner may use sampling methods for the collection of information relating to the 2016 census.

**6. Occupants to give particulars of matters specified in Schedule**

(1) An occupant occupying any premises subject to census under section 3(1)(b) or dwelling on board any vessel subject to census under section 3(1)(c) must, for the purpose of the 2016 census, give to the Commissioner particulars of the matters specified in the Schedule in respect of—

- (a) the occupant, the premises or the vessel, and the household in those premises or on board that vessel; and
- (b) any other person—
  - (i) who occupies the premises or dwells on board the vessel; and
  - (ii) who is—
    - (A) aged below 15 and under the occupant's guardianship; or
    - (B) unable to give those particulars by reason of sickness, disablement, absence or other sufficient cause.

(2) In this section—

**occupant** (估用人)—

- (a) means a person who has reached 15 years of age at the census reference moment; but
- (b) excludes any naval, military or air force personnel.

**7. Deadline for destroying completed schedules**

The Commissioner must destroy all completed schedules collected or received by census officers for the 2016 census, and all copies of the schedules, not later than 29 June 2017.

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## Schedule

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### Specified Matters

**1. For persons**

Year and month of birth

Sex

Whether a member of the household

Relationship to other members of the household

Whereabouts at the census reference moment

Usual accommodation in Hong Kong

Place of birth

Nationality

Ethnicity

Duration of residence in Hong Kong

Whether Hong Kong permanent resident, Hong Kong non-permanent resident, visitor holding Two-way Permit from the Mainland of China or visitor holding other travel document

Number of months stayed respectively in Hong Kong, the Mainland of China, Macau and other places in the past 6 months

Number of months expected to stay in Hong Kong in the next 6 months

If not usually staying in Hong Kong, reason for usually not staying in Hong Kong

Marital status

School attendance

Educational attainment—

    highest level attended

    highest level completed

Place of study

Mode of transport to place of study

Field of study

Usual language

Ability to speak other languages or dialects

Ability to read languages

Ability to write languages

Place of residence 5 years ago

Type of housing 5 years ago

Tenure of accommodation 5 years ago

Saleable area of accommodation 5 years ago

Economic activity status

Industry

Occupation

Place of work

Mode of transport to place of work

Hours of work in main employment

Earnings from main employment

Whether having other employment

Hours of work in all other employment

Earnings from all other employment

Other cash incomes

Whether owner of premises

**2. For households**

Type of household

Household size

Household composition

Household income

**3. For premises other than vessels**

Type of premises

Whether subdivided units

Whether usual or occasional residence

Number of households in premises

Number of persons in premises

Type of accommodation

Number of living or dining rooms

Number of bedrooms

Number of kitchens

Number of bathrooms or toilets

Number of other rooms

Number of cocklofts

Number of bedspaces

Tenure of accommodation

Saleable area of accommodation

Rent

Rates, Government rent and management fee

Mortgage payment

Outstanding mortgage period or loan period

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**4. For vessels**

Type of vessel

Whether usual or occasional residence

Number of households on board vessel

Number of persons on board vessel

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COUNCIL CHAMBER

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### **Explanatory Note**

This Order directs the Commissioner for Census and Statistics to take a census of population of Hong Kong in 2016 to obtain particulars relating to persons, premises, vessels and other matters described in the Order.