

ECSS Voters
Overview of VR arrangements and registration eligibilities

This note aims to explain the VR arrangements and registration eligibilities relevant to ECSS voters, and to point out the relevant legislative provisions in the Schedule to the Chief Executive Election Ordinance (Cap. 569) for reference. The table below does not include information related to ex-officio EC Members or those to be returned by nomination.

VR arrangements

1. As the EC has been reconstituted, all currently registered individual and corporate ECSS voters will be included directly into the omissions list, without being subject to the inquiry process nor receive inquiry letters, except in the case that the individuals or bodies concerned meet the new registration eligibilities, and submit VR applications after the Bill passes and no later than the special VR deadline of 5 July 2021 in accordance with paragraph 2 below.
2. **All individuals and bodies who meet the new registration eligibilities** (including the requirements and eligibilities described in columns (B) and (C) of the table at paragraph 3), regardless of whether they are currently registered as ECSS voters or wish to newly register as ECSS voters, **must submit VR applications after the relevant legislation comes into effect and no later than the special VR deadline of 5 July 2021**, before they can be included in the 2021 ECSS provisional register (“PR”).⁵

Registration eligibilities

3. The registration eligibilities and requirements of each of the ECSSs are tabulated below –

⁵ Among the ECSSs, only the registration eligibility of the Heung Yee Kuk subsector remains unchanged. If an ECSS voter who is currently registered in the said subsector remains eligible, REO would include the voter into the 2021 ECSS PR. These existing voters **need not** submit VR applications again by the special VR deadline.

(A) ECSS	(B) Individuals/bodies eligible to register as voters (The relevant provision in the Schedule to Cap. 569)	(C) The “3-year operation” requirement (The relevant provision in the Schedule to Cap. 569)
<u>First Sector: Industrial, commercial and financial sector</u>		
Catering	(section 39A) Any body that is a holder of a food business licence under the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132) and — (a) is entitled to vote at the Board of The Association for Hong Kong Catering Services Management Limited; (b) is entitled to vote at the Board of The Association of Restaurant Managers Limited; or (c) is entitled to vote at the Board of Hong Kong Catering Industry Association Limited.	(section 12(19A)) To hold a food business licence under the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132) and operate for 3 years.
Commercial (first)	(section 39B) Any body that is a corporate member of The Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce and is entitled to vote at the General Committee of the Chamber.	(section 12(20)) To be a corporate member and operate for 3 years.
Commercial (second)	(section 39C) Any body that is a corporate member of The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce and is entitled to vote at the Committee of the Chamber.	(section 12(20)) To be a corporate member and operate for 3 years.
Commercial (third)	(section 39D) Any body that is a corporate member of the Hong Kong Chinese Enterprises Association and is entitled to vote at the Board of the Association.	(section 12(20)) To be a corporate member and operate for 3 years.

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Employers’ Federation of Hong Kong	(section 39E) Any body that is a corporate member of the Employers’ Federation of Hong Kong and is entitled to vote at the Council or the General Committee of the Federation.	(section 12(20)) To be a corporate member and operate for 3 years.
Finance	(section 39F) (a) Banks within the meaning of the Banking Ordinance (Cap. 155); (b) Restricted licence banks within the meaning of the Banking Ordinance (Cap. 155); or (c) Deposit-taking companies within the meaning of the Banking Ordinance (Cap. 155).	(section 12(19A)) To be a bank/restricted licence bank/deposit-taking company within the meaning of the Banking Ordinance (Cap. 155) and operate for 3 years.
Financial Services	(section 39G) (a) Any body that is licensed under the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571), and— (i) is entitled to vote at the specified authority (i.e. either the Council or Board of Directors as specified by the President of the company) of The Chinese Securities Association of Hong Kong Company Limited; (ii) is entitled to vote at the Board of Hong Kong Securities Professionals Association Limited; (iii) is entitled to vote at the Committee of The Institute of Securities Dealers Limited; (iv) is entitled to vote at the Board of Hong Kong Securities Association Limited; (v) is entitled to vote at the Executive Committee of The	(section 12(19A)) (a) To hold a licence under the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) and operate for 3 years.

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	<p>Hong Kong Association of Online Brokers Limited;</p> <p>(vi) is entitled to vote at the Executive Committee of The Hong Kong Institute of Financial Analysts and Professional Commentators Limited;</p> <p>(vii) is entitled to vote at the Council of Hong Kong Securities and Futures Professional Association; or</p> <p>(viii) is entitled to vote at the Board of Chinese Futures Association of Hong Kong Company Limited; or</p> <p>(b) Any body that is entitled to vote at the Executive and Supervisory Committee of the Chinese Gold and Silver Exchange.</p>	(b) To be the relevant body and operate for 3 years.
Hotel	<p>(section 39H)</p> <p>Any body that –</p> <p>(a) is a licence holder as defined by section 2(1) of the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance (Cap. 349);</p> <p>(b) is a corporate member of the Federation of Hong Kong Hotel Owners Limited; and</p> <p>(c) is entitled to vote at general meetings of the company.</p> <p><i>(The Government will move a CSA to remove the licence requirement in (a))</i></p>	<p>(section 12(20))</p> <p>To be a corporate member and operate for 3 years.</p>
Import and export	<p>(section 39I)</p> <p>Any body that is a corporate member of The Hong Kong Chinese Importers’ and Exporters’ Association and is entitled to vote at the Council of the Association.</p>	<p>(section 12(20))</p> <p>To be a corporate member and operate for 3 years.</p>

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Industrial (first)	(section 39J) Any body that is a corporate member of the Federation of Hong Kong Industries and is entitled to vote at the General Committee of the Federation.	(section 12(20)) To be a corporate member and operate for 3 years.
Industrial (second)	(section 39K) Any body that is a corporate member of The Chinese Manufacturers’ Association of Hong Kong and is entitled to vote at the General Committee of the Association.	(section 12(20)) To be a corporate member and operate for 3 years.
Insurance	(section 39L) Any body that is an insurer authorized or deemed to be authorized under the Insurance Ordinance (Cap. 41).	(section 12(19A)) To be an insurer authorized or deemed to be authorized under the Insurance Ordinance (Cap. 41) and operate for 3 years.
Real estate and construction	(section 39M) Any body that is – (a) a corporate member of The Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong and is entitled to vote at the Board of Directors or executive committee of the Association; (b) a corporate member of The Hong Kong Construction Association, Limited and is entitled to vote at the Council of the company; or (c) a corporate member of The Hong Kong E&M Contractors’ Association Limited and is entitled to vote at the Council of the company.	(section 12(20)) To be a corporate member and operate for 3 years.

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Small and medium enterprises	(section 39N) Any body that is – (a) a corporate member of Hong Kong Commerce and Industry Associations Limited and is entitled to vote at the Board of the company; (b) a corporate member of The Hong Kong General Chamber of Small and Medium Business Limited and is entitled to vote at the General Committee of the company; or (c) a corporate member of Hong Kong Small and Medium Enterprises Association Limited and is entitled to vote at the Council of the company.	(section 12(20)) To be a corporate member and operate for 3 years.
Textiles and garment	(section 39O) Any body that is – (a) a corporate member of the Textile Council of Hong Kong Limited and is entitled to vote at the General Committee of the company; or (b) a corporate member of The Hong Kong General Chamber of Textiles Limited and is entitled to vote at the Board of Directors of the company.	(section 12(20)) To be a corporate member and operate for 3 years.
Tourism	(section 39P) (a) Any body that — (i) is a travel agent holding a licence as defined by section 2 of the Travel Agents Ordinance (Cap. 218); and (ii) is — (A) a corporate member of the Travel Industry Council of	(section 12(20)) (a) To be a corporate member and operate for 3 years.

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	<p>Hong Kong entitled to vote at the Board of Directors of the Council;</p> <p>(B) a corporate member of Hong Kong Association of China Travel Organisers Limited entitled to vote at the Executive Committee of the company;</p> <p>(C) a corporate member of International Chinese Tourist Association Limited entitled to vote at the Executive Committee of the company;</p> <p>(D) a corporate member of The Federation of Hong Kong Chinese Travel Agents Limited entitled to vote at the Executive Committee of the company;</p> <p>(E) a corporate member of Hong Kong Outbound Tour Operators’ Association Limited entitled to vote at the Executive Committee of the company;</p> <p>(F) a corporate member of Hong Kong Association of Travel Agents Limited entitled to vote at the Executive Committee of the company;</p> <p>(G) a corporate member of Hongkong Taiwan Tourist Operators Association entitled to vote at the Executive Committee of the Association;</p> <p>(H) a corporate member of Hongkong Japanese Tour Operators Association Limited entitled to vote at the Executive Committee of the company; or</p> <p>(I) a corporate member of Society of IATA Passenger Agents Limited entitled to vote at the Executive Committee of the company; or</p> <p>(b) Any body that is a corporate member of The Board of Airline Representatives in Hong Kong and is entitled to vote at the Executive Committee of the Board.</p>	<p>(b) To be a corporate member and operate for 3 years.</p>

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Transport	(section 39Q) The bodies listed at Annex 1 to the Schedule to Cap. 569.	<i>Not applicable – this subsector consists of listed bodies only.</i>
Wholesale and retail	(section 39R) The bodies listed at Annex 2 to the Schedule to Cap. 569.	<i>Not applicable – this subsector consists of listed bodies only.</i>
<u>Second Sector: The Professions</u>		
Accountancy	(section 39S) Any practice unit (as defined by section 2(1) of the Professional Accountants Ordinance (Cap. 50)) that— (a) is registered under the Professional Accountants Ordinance (Cap. 50); and (b) is a registered PIE auditor as defined by section 3A(1) of the Financial Reporting Council Ordinance (Cap. 588).	(section 12(19B)) To be registered under the Professional Accountants Ordinance (Cap. 50) and be registered as a Public Interest Entity (“PIE”) auditor under the Financial Reporting Council Ordinance (Cap. 588) and operate for 3 years; and To have undertaken or carried out PIE engagement (as defined by section 3A(1) of the Financial Reporting Council Ordinance (Cap. 588)) in the 3 years immediately before making the application for registration. <i>(the Government will move a CSA to introduce this requirement)</i> (section 12(19C)) For the purpose of section 12(19B), if the body is a registered PIE auditor as defined by section 3A(1) of the Financial Reporting Council Ordinance

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		(Cap. 588) immediately before the day on which the Improving Electoral System (Consolidated Amendments) Ordinance 2021 is published in the Gazette, the body is not required to have been operating, as such a registered PIE auditor, for the 3 years immediately before making the application for registration. <i>(If amended by CSA)</i>
Architectural, surveying, planning and landscape	(section 39T) The bodies listed at Annex 3 to the Schedule to Cap. 569.	<i>Not applicable – this subsector consists of listed bodies only.</i>
Chinese medicine	(section 39U) (a) Federation of the Hong Kong Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Chinese Medicines Traders Association Limited; (b) The corporate members of the Federation; or (c) The bodies listed at Annex 4 to the Schedule to Cap. 569.	(section 12(20)) (a) <i>Not applicable – the body is a listed body.</i> (b) To be a corporate member and operate for 3 years. (c) <i>Not applicable – the bodies are listed bodies.</i>
Education	(section 39V) (a) Institutions of higher education funded through the University Grants Committee; (b) Post secondary colleges registered under the Post Secondary Colleges Ordinance (Cap. 320); (c) The Open University of Hong Kong; (d) The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts; (e) the Vocational Training Council;	(section 12(19A)) (a) <i>Not applicable.</i> (b) To be a post secondary college registered under the Post Secondary Colleges Ordinance (Cap. 320) and operate for 3 years. (c) to (g) <i>Not applicable – the bodies are listed bodies.</i>

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	(f) The Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority; (g) the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications; (h) Schools registered under section 13 of the Education Ordinance (Cap. 279) or under either of the repealed Ordinances (as defined by section 3(1) of that Ordinance), other than an exempted school (as defined by section 2 of the Education (Exemption) (Private Schools Offering Non-For al Curriculum) Order (Cap. 279 sub. leg. F)); or (i) Schools entirely maintained and controlled by the Government.	(h) To be a school registered under section 13 of the Education Ordinance (Cap. 279) or under either of the repealed Ordinances (as defined by section 3(1) of that Ordinance) and operate for 3 years. (i) To be a school entirely maintained and controlled by the Government and operate for 3 years.
Engineering	(section 39W) The bodies listed at Annex 5 to the Schedule to Cap. 569.	<i>Not applicable – this subsector consists of listed bodies only.</i>
Legal	(section 39X) The bodies listed at Annex 6 to the Schedule to Cap. 569.	<i>Not applicable – this subsector consists of listed bodies only.</i>
Medical and health services	(section 39Y) (a) Any prescribed hospital (as defined by section 2(1) of the Hospital Authority Ordinance (Cap. 113)); (b) Any hospital licensed under the Private Healthcare Facilities Ordinance (Cap. 633); or (c) The bodies listed at Annex 7 to the Schedule to Cap. 569.	(section 12(19A)) (a) To be a prescribed hospital (as defined by section 2(1) of the Hospital Authority Ordinance (Cap. 113)) and operate for 3 years. (b) To be a hospital licensed under the Private Healthcare Facilities Ordinance (Cap. 633) and operate for 3 years. (c) <i>Not applicable – the bodies are listed bodies.</i>

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Social welfare	(section 39Z) (a) Any social welfare organizations receiving regular subsidies from the Social Welfare Department; or (b) The bodies listed at Annex 8 to the Schedule to Cap. 569.	(section 12(19A)) (a) To be a social welfare organization receiving regular subsidies ⁶ from the Social Welfare Department. (b) <i>Not applicable – the bodies are listed bodies.</i>
Sports, performing arts, culture and publication	(section 39ZA) (a) The corporate members of the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China; (b) Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited; (c) Any body that— (i) is a corporate member of the Hong Kong Publishing Federation Limited; and (ii) is entitled to vote at general meetings of the company; or (d) The bodies listed at Annex 9 to the Schedule to Cap. 569.	(section 12(20)) (a) To be a corporate member and operate for 3 years. (b) <i>Not applicable - the body is a listed body.</i> (c) To be a corporate member and operate for 3 years. (d) <i>Not applicable – the bodies are listed bodies.</i>
Technology and innovation	(section 39ZB) The bodies listed at Annex 10 to the Schedule to Cap. 569.	<i>Not applicable – this subsector consists of listed bodies only.</i>

⁶ For reference: According to the prevailing arrangement of regular subsidies implemented by the Social Welfare Department, social welfare organizations which receive subsidies under the lump sum grant mode or the conventional mode from the Department are included.

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<u>Third Sector: Grassroots, labour, religious and other sectors</u>		
Agriculture and fisheries	<p>(section 39ZC)</p> <p>(a) Corporate members of each of the following bodies—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Federation of Vegetable Marketing Co-operative Societies, Limited; (ii) The Federation of Pig Raising Co-operative Societies of Hong Kong, Kowloon and New Territories, Limited; (iii) The Joint Association of Hong Kong Fishermen; (iv) Federation of Hong Kong Aquaculture Associations; (v) The Federation of Fishermen’s Co-operative Societies of Shau Kei Wan District, Limited; (vi) The Federation of Fishermen’s Co-operative Societies of Tai Po District, N.T., Limited; (vii) The Federation of Fishermen’s Co-operative Societies of Sai Kung District, Limited; (viii) The Federation of Fishermen’s Co-operative Societies of Southern District, Limited; (ix) Hong Kong Fishermen Consortium; or (x) Federation of Hong Kong Agricultural Associations; or <p>(b) The bodies listed at Annex 11 to the Schedule to Cap. 569.</p>	<p>(section 12(20))</p> <p>(a) To be a corporate member and operate for 3 years.</p> <p>(b) <i>Not applicable – the bodies are listed bodies.</i></p>
Associations of Chinese fellow townsmen	<p>(section 39ZD)</p> <p>(a) The bodies listed at Annex 12 to the Schedule to Cap. 569; or</p> <p>(b) The associations of Chinese fellow townsmen that are recognized by those bodies mentioned in (a) and at county level or above.</p>	<p>(section 12(19A))</p> <p>(a) <i>Not applicable – the bodies are listed bodies.</i></p> <p>(b) To be an association of Chinese fellow townsmen that is recognized by a body mentioned in (a) and at county level or above and operate for 3 years.</p>

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Grassroots association	(section 39ZE) (a) Hong Kong Island Federation; (b) Kowloon Federation of Associations; (c) New Territories Association of Societies; or (d) A corporate member of any of the federation or association mentioned in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) and is entitled to vote at general meetings of the federation or association.	(section 12(20)) (a) to (c) <i>Not applicable – the bodies are listed bodies.</i> (d) To be a corporate member and operate for 3 years.
Labour	(section 39ZF) Trade unions registered under the Trade Unions Ordinance (Cap. 332) of which all the voting members are employees.	(section 12(19A)) To be registered under the Trade Unions Ordinance (Cap. 332) and operate for 3 years.
<u>Fourth Sector: Members of the Legislative Council, representatives of district organisations and other organisations</u>		
Members of the Legislative Council	<i>All EC Members in this subsector are ex-officio Members. There is no voter in this subsector.</i>	<i>Not applicable – this subsector does not consist of any voters.</i>
Heung Yee Kuk	(section 39ZG) The Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Heung Yee Kuk and the Ex Officio, Special and Co-opted Councillors of the Full Council of the Kuk.	<i>Not applicable – this subsector consists of individual voters only.</i>
Representatives of Kong Kong residents in the Mainland	<i>All EC Members in this subsector are returned by nomination. There is no voter in this subsector.</i>	<i>Not applicable – this subsector does not consist of any voters.</i>

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Representatives of members of Area Committees, District Fight Crime Committees, and District Fire Safety Committees of Hong Kong Island and Kowloon	(section 39ZH) Members of the Area Committees, District Fight Crime Committees and District Fire Safety Committees established in any of the following Districts— (a) Central & Western District; (b) Eastern District; (c) Southern District; (d) Wan Chai District; (e) Kowloon City District; (f) Kwun Tong District; (g) Sham Shui Po District; (h) Wong Tai Sin District; or (i) Yau Tsim Mong District.	<i>Not applicable – this subsector consists of individual voters only.</i>
Representatives of members of Area Committees, District Fight Crime Committees, and District Fire Safety Committees of the New Territories	(section 39ZI) Members of the Area Committees, District Fight Crime Committees and District Fire Safety Committees established in any of the following Districts— (a) Islands District; (b) Kwai Tsing District; (c) Sai Kung District; (d) Sha Tin District; (e) Tsuen Wan District; (f) Tuen Mun District; (g) Yuen Long District; (h) North District; or (i) Tai Po District.	<i>Not applicable – this subsector consists of individual voters only.</i>

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Fifth Sector: HKSAR deputies to the National People’s Congress, HKSAR members of the National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference, and representatives of Hong Kong members of relevant national organisations		
The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region deputies to the National People’s Congress and Hong Kong Special Administrative Region members of the National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference	<i>All EC Members in this subsector are ex-officio Members. There is no voter in this subsector.</i>	<i>Not applicable – this subsector does not consist of any voters.</i>
Representatives of Hong Kong members of relevant national organisations	(section 39ZJ) (a) Hong Kong Special Administrative Region delegates of the All-China Women’s Federation; (b) Hong Kong Special Administrative Region executive members of the All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce; (c) Hong Kong Special Administrative Region committee members of the All-China Federation of Returned Overseas Chinese; (d) Hong Kong Special Administrative Region committee	<i>Not applicable – this subsector consists of individual voters only.</i>

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	members of the All-China Youth Federation; or (e) Hong Kong Special Administrative Region directors of the China Overseas Friendship Association.	