

Registration in the Catering Functional Constituency (“FC”)

1. Who is eligible to be registered

Your body is eligible to be registered if your body satisfies the requirements as set out in row (A) and (B) in the table below:

(A) Bodies eligible to register as electors	(Section 20ZA of Cap. 542) Bodies that are holders of food business licences under the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132) and— (a) are entitled to vote at the Board of The Association for Hong Kong Catering Services Management Limited; (b) are entitled to vote at the Board of The Association of Restaurant Managers Limited; or (c) are entitled to vote at the Board of Hong Kong Catering Industry Association Limited.
(B) The “3-year operation” requirement	(Section 25(4) of Cap. 542) A body that has been operating as a body specified in row (A) above for the 3 years immediately before making its application for registration as an elector for this FC. (Section 25(7)(c) of Cap. 542) In computing the period for which a body has been operating, if it refers to any entitlement to vote— (i) the body is not required to be so entitled to vote in order to be regarded as having become a body specified as composing this FC; and (ii) it does not matter whether the body is so entitled to vote throughout the period.

2. References to entitlement to vote at general meeting of or specified authority within body

According to section 3AA of Cap. 542,

- (1) A reference to an entitlement to vote at a general meeting of a body/ the specified authority* within a body is a reference to an entitlement to vote at the general meeting/ the specified authority as provided by the body’s constitution.
- (2) A body (***first-mentioned body***) is also regarded as being entitled to vote at the specified authority within another body if a natural person who is entitled to vote at that authority—
 - (i) specifies in writing to the Electoral Registration Officer that the natural person represents the first-mentioned body at that authority; and
 - (ii) has substantial connection with the first-mentioned body; and

*Specified authority, in relation to a body, means any authority within the body (other than a general meeting) the entitlement to vote at which is mentioned in the relevant provision that provides for the composition of an FC.

- (3) If more than one body is specified by the same natural person under item (2)(i) in respect of the specified authority within any other body, only the body last so specified is regarded as being entitled to vote at that authority.

3. Points to note

- (a) If your body meets the eligibilities for registration as described in Part 1, your body may complete and submit the **“Functional Constituency Elector (Body) Application for New Registration/Report on Change of Particulars” (REO-FC(B))** to apply for registration in this FC; and
- (b) Please read carefully the notes in the application form, in particular the following:
 - (1) If item (2) of Part 2 above is applicable to your body, i.e. a natural person who represents your body is entitled to vote at the specified authority within another body, the person concerned must complete Part 3 of the application form; and
 - (2) If your body wishes to submit a new application for registration in this FC, you must complete Part 4 of the application form to appoint an authorized representative for the purposes of casting your body’s vote at an election.