



Guidance Note on Lion / Dragon / Unicorn Dance Permit Application

Caution

These notes have been prepared by the Commissioner of Police to provide guidance to persons wishing to apply for a Lion / Dragon / Unicorn Dance Permit. Whilst every effort has been made to ensure their accuracy, anyone in doubt should seek professional advice. The notes do not in any way absolve any person from any provisions of the relevant ordinance.

These notes relate **only** to the requirements to be met by applicants under the Summary Offence Ordinance, Cap. 228, Laws of Hong Kong and nothing else.

NOTHING IN THESE NOTES SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS COMMITTING THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE TO ANY PARTICULAR COURSE OF ACTION.

Each application is considered and determined upon its own individual merits.

Relevant law

- Section 4C(1) of the Summary Offences Ordinance, Cap. 228, Laws of Hong Kong provides that no person shall organise or participate in a lion/dragon/unicorn dance (“lion dance”), or any attendant martial arts display, in a public place, save under and in accordance with the conditions of any such general or special permit as the Commissioner of Police in his absolute discretion may issue.

Permit condition

- The holder of the Lion Dance Permit shall be present on the occasion for which the permit is issued and shall ensure that the conditions of the permit are complied with.

Application methods and required documents

- Applications can be submitted to any police station in person or online (https://www.licensing.police.gov.hk/index_poe_en.html).
- The application form can be obtained from any police station. The form is also available on the website of the Hong Kong Police Force. (https://www.police.gov.hk/ppp_en/11_useful_info/licences/poess.html)
- The applicant has to prepare the following documents:

1.	Copy of identity document(s) Only copies of the photo-bearing side of the identity documents of the organiser and all the participants should be provided and each person should sign next to the copy of his/her respective identity document. You are recommended to attach a maximum of eight copies of identity document within one page of an A4 paper so that images can be shown clearly. (Sample https://www.police.gov.hk/info/doc/licensing/general/en/id_card_sample_en.pdf)
2.	Signed 'Details of Participants' form If you submit your application online, please upload the duly completed and signed 'Details of Participants' form on Part IV of the online application form. (Download the form https://www.police.gov.hk/info/doc/licensing/general/en/ld_Details_of_Participants_en.pdf or obtain a copy from a nearby police station.)
3.	Copy of registration certificate of the organisation (if applicable) Copy of registration certificate of the organisation (e.g. as a Company, as a Society).
4.	Images of the uniform and logo to be used on banners, flags, T-shirts, etc. (if applicable) Images of the uniform to be worn by participants and logo to be used on banners, flags, T-shirts, etc.
5.	Documentary proof relating to the event approval (if applicable) For the event to be held in the common area of a private property/building, please also submit relevant documentary proof if approval has been obtained from the owner/management concerned.

Application fee

- The application for a Lion Dance Permit is free of charge.

Time required to process an application

- Processing of the application generally requires 14 days.
- Any delay in the submission of the application form or incompleteness of the application form required, including the failure to furnish relevant information, documents or participants' details, will lead to the application not being processed in 14 days.

Enquiries

- For enquires about the application procedure of the Lion Dance Permit or requirements on event arrangement, please contact the Duty Officer of the police station concerned.
- Enquiries relating to the policy matters of the Lion Dance Permit can be referred to Public Order Event Support Section, Licensing Office, Hong Kong Police Force on 2860 6551 or by email to poe-sup-licensing@police.gov.hk.