

### Registration Scheme Expands to Carriage of Oversized Sports Equipment

In light of the smooth operation of the Registration Scheme for Carriage of Oversized Musical Instruments over the past nine months, the MTR Corporation announced today (19 July 2016) that the registration scheme will be expanded from 1 August 2016 to facilitate passengers who need to carry sports equipment that exceeds normal size restrictions<sup>1</sup> into the railway network.

The revised scheme will be renamed as the Registration Scheme for Carriage of Oversized Musical Instruments and Sports Equipment. (See Annex 1 for further details of the revised scheme)

“Thanks to the cooperation of permit holders, the registration scheme has been operating smoothly since its launch in November last year with about 2,900 applications received and processed so far. We hope the expansion of the scheme can meet the genuine needs of passengers with certain larger-sized sports equipment,” said Mr Francis Li, Chief of Operating of the MTR Corporation.

“While the vast majority of sports equipment fall within the existing size restriction, several sports groups have raised the need to bring along certain oversized gear into the MTR. Following a careful risk assessment on the implications to the safety of our train operations, we have decided to expand the registration scheme for larger-sized musical instruments to sports equipment. Passengers with a special permit are allowed to carry such equipment into our railway network,” he said.

“It should be noted that for safety reasons, the registration scheme is still subject to a limit on dimensions, i.e. total dimensions no larger than 235cm with one side no longer than 145cm. It is crucial that permit holders carrying oversized musical instruments or sports equipment follow the specific safety rules and guidelines applicable to the registration scheme,” Mr Li added.

Under the Registration Scheme for Carriage of Oversized Musical Instruments and Sports Equipment, the MTR Corporation will accept registrations for Permits for both oversized musical instruments and sports equipment beyond the current size limits but with the longest side not exceeding 145cm and total dimensions (length + width + height) below 235cm (including the case or bag). The Permit will allow the registered person to bring one oversized musical instrument or one piece of larger-sized sports equipment into stations and trains during MTR service hours except in the morning peak period between 8:15 am and 9:15 am from Mondays to Fridays (public holidays not included).

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<sup>1</sup> Total dimensions measuring 170cm (length + width + height) with no one side exceeding 130cm.

Under the new Scheme, all holders of an “MTR Carriage of Oversized Musical Instrument Permit” will be entitled to carry one larger-sized musical instrument or sports equipment into the railway network following the specific safety rules and guidelines from 1 August without the need to renew or change their permit. New applications are also welcome through the existing channels. The Corporation will continue to communicate with the community and listen to their views on the Scheme.

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#### About MTR Corporation

MTR Corporation is regarded as one of the world’s leading railway operators for safety, reliability, customer service and cost efficiency. In its home base of Hong Kong, the Corporation operates nine commuter railway lines, a Light Rail network and a high-speed Airport Express link on which more than 5.5 million passenger trips are made on a normal week day. Another 5 million passenger trips are made on the rail services it operates outside Hong Kong in the Mainland of China, the United Kingdom, Sweden and Australia. In addition, the Corporation is involved in a range of railway construction projects as well as railway consultancy and contracting services around the world. Leveraging on its railway expertise, the Corporation is involved in the development of transit-related residential and commercial property projects, property management, shopping malls leasing and management, advertising media and telecommunication services.

For more information about MTR Corporation, please visit [www.mtr.com.hk](http://www.mtr.com.hk).

Photo Caption:

Mr Allen Ding, Operations Manager-East Rail Line, announces the Registration Scheme for Carriage of Oversized Musical Instruments will expand to sports equipment from 1 August.



## **Registration Scheme for Carriage of Oversized Musical Instruments and Sports Equipment**

### Registration

- For musical instruments or sports equipment beyond the current limits but with the longest side not exceeding 145cm and total dimensions (length + width + height) not exceeding 235cm (including the case or bag).
- Passengers with musical instruments or sports equipment measuring within the total dimensions of 170cm (length + width + height) with no one side exceeding 130cm do NOT require a Permit to enter the railway.

### Application

1. Online at: [http://www.mtr.com.hk/oversized\\_item\\_permit\\_en](http://www.mtr.com.hk/oversized_item_permit_en)
  2. In person by obtaining and returning application forms to the Customer Service Centre of any MTR station (except Airport Express stations, Lo Wu, Lok Ma Chau, Racecourse, Disneyland Resort and Sunny Bay).
  3. By mailing completed forms to MTR Corporation, MTR Headquarters Building, Telford Plaza, Kowloon Bay and marking "Concessionary Travel Office" on the envelope.
- Parents or legal guardians will be required to counter-sign registration forms for applicants under the age of 18.

### Collection

- Collection points and time:
  1. During operating hours at Customer Service Centre of 6 MTR stations
    - Mei Foo Station
    - Olympic Station
    - Kowloon Tong Station
    - Tai Wo Station
    - Wan Chai Station
    - Yau Tong Station
  2. 8:00am – 8:00pm at Concessionary Travel Offices at 3 MTR stations
    - Admiralty Station
    - Siu Hong Station
    - Tai Wai Station
- Presentation of valid identity document is required at time of collection of Permit.

### Validity

- Permits are valid till 31 December, 2018.

**Safety Rules and Usage Guidelines for Holders of  
“Carriage of Oversized Musical Instrument and Sports Equipment Permit”**

Applicants submitting registration forms, whether online, at MTR Customer Service Centres or by mail, will be requested to acknowledge acceptance of the following safety rules designed to ensure a safe and comfortable travelling environment for all passengers.

Applicants under the age of 18 are required to have their parents or legal guardians counter-sign registration forms to ensure they understand and agree to follow the safety requirements.

1. Always have your Permit with you and when requested by MTR staff, show your Permit and/or musical instrument/ sports equipment.
2. Carry only one oversized musical instrument or sports equipment at any one time.
3. Do not bring oversized instruments or sports equipment into MTR for travel between 8:15 am and 9:15 am (calculated from time of entry through ticket gates) on Mondays through Fridays, except public holidays.
4. Please use the lift.
5. Mind the top of doorways when boarding and alighting trains; take the musical instrument or sports equipment off your shoulders if needed.
6. To avoid hitting overhanging objects and potential electrical hazard when near high voltage overhead equipment, do not lift your musical instrument or sports equipment up in the air.
7. Do not block train doorways, passages inside trains, lift entrances/exits, staircases, entry/exit gates or evacuation paths. Use train cars that have more space, usually first and last cars.
8. In the event of emergency evacuation along the track, leave your musical instrument or sports equipment behind. Place it in a location that does not block any passage, for example on top of seats. Follow instructions and directions from MTR staff or emergency services personnel.