

Implementation of Five-day Week in the Government

Examples of Essential or Emergency Services that continue to be provided on Saturdays¹

Bureau/Department	Service/Functions
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department	Patrolling and law enforcement in country parks and marine parks, management of government fresh food wholesale markets
Buildings Department	Round-the-clock service for emergencies relating to buildings, building works, signboards and slopes
Customs and Excise Department /Immigration Department	Passenger and cargo clearance operations at control points, airport and passenger/cargo terminals
Customs and Excise Department	Law enforcement and essential logistics services for Customs operations
Civil Aviation Department	Round-the-clock air traffic control service

¹ Including services that are available on Sunday or round-the-clock as necessary.

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Buildings Department / Civil Engineering and Development Department / Drainage Services Department / Highways Department / Housing Department	Services / operation related to the construction industry (e.g. supervision and auditing of construction works, surprise audit checks of construction sites, operations related to explosive and blasting activities)
Correctional Services Department	Management of penal institutions
Department of Health	Port health, public health laboratory services, methadone clinics, clinic service to inmates in correctional institutions, public mortuaries and cremation permit offices
Drainage Services Department	Clearing blocked sewers/drains
Education Bureau	Government schools and related support services to schools, teachers and the general public (including Central Resource Centre, Hong Kong Teachers' Centre and Gifted Education Section (Support Measures for the Exceptionally Gifted Students Scheme))
Electrical and Mechanical Services Department	Gas incident investigations under the Gas Safety Ordinance

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Environmental Protection Department	Handling of environmental pollution incidents involving immediate threat to health, investigation of illegal import/export of ozone depleting substances, providing assistance to deal with significant spillage of chemicals, supervision of the operation of waste facilities (e.g. landfills and refuse transfer stations), provision of Air Pollution Index
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	Environmental hygiene services, hawker management and control, market management, cemeteries, crematoria and columbaria services, dead removal, slaughterhouse, imported food inspection, duty room services (for reporting food complaint / poisoning, removal of dead animals and other emergencies)
Fire Services Department	Emergency fire, rescue and ambulance services, response to complaint of fire hazard posing imminent danger to public safety or dangerous goods
Government Flying Service	Emergency response services
Immigration Department	Immigration-related counter services (birth and death registration, marriage ceremony, registration of persons, issuance of visas and other employment-related documents, issuance of HKSAR passport and travel documents), notification system with the Mainland over major incidents
Housing Department	Hawker control service in public housing estates, warden service at Housing for Senior Citizens, communication and co-ordination service outside normal service hours and material testing laboratory (concrete testing)
Hong Kong Police Force	Maintenance of public order and law enforcement
Hong Kong Post	Mail delivery and post office counter services

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Food and Health Bureau	Notification system with the Mainland over disease outbreaks
Information Services Department	24-hour service provided by Press Enquiry Desk
Legal Aid Department	Counters for applications for legal aid for civil cases ²
Leisure and Cultural Services Department	Libraries, performing arts venues, sport centres and other leisure venues
Labour Department	Job centres, occupational health clinics, handling of urgent cases of labour disputes, investigation of occupational accidents
Marine Department	Management of ferry terminals and public cargo working areas, round-the-clock emergency/search and rescue services, vessel traffic regulation, harbour patrol
Office of the Telecommunications Authority	Radio monitoring and interference investigation
Registration and Electoral Office	Essential services as required by the respective ordinances on Saturday during election / by-election periods

² The service will be closed on Saturday subject to the Court Registry moving to a five-day week.

Bureau/Department	Service/Functions
Radio Television Hong Kong	TV and radio programmes, news reporting, internet services
Social Welfare Department	Services provided by Integrated Family Service Centres, Family and Child Protective Services Units, Medical Social Services Units in major hospitals
Transport Department	Maintaining the operation of Emergency Transport Coordination Centre, monitoring the performance of management contractors of Transport Department transport facilities, maintaining the operation of the Area Traffic Control Centres
Water Supplies Department	Operation of water selling kiosks, water treatment works and pumping stations, attendance to water supply fault complaints and emergency calls, maintenance of distribution system and security to installations
Various bureaux and departments	Territory-wide museums and some resource centres