

## HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD

### RELAXATION OF SUBLETTING POLICY

Minister for National Development announced in the Parliament on 3 Mar 2007 that HDB would reduce the Minimum Occupation Period (MOP) for subletting of whole flat. We would like to provide you with more details.

#### Existing Policy

Currently, the MOP for subletting of whole flat is set at 10 years for flat owners with an outstanding HDB loan and 5 years for all other owners. This is irrespective of whether the flat is bought with a housing subsidy.

#### Revised Policy

With effect from 3 Mar 2007, HDB will relax its policy on subletting of whole flat through a further reduction of the MOP and delinking it from the owners' HDB loan status. The revised MOP is:

5 years for owners of subsidised flats, i.e. flats purchased directly from HDB or from the open market with a CPF Housing Grant; and

3 years for owners of non-subsidised flats, i.e. flats purchased from the open market without a CPF Housing Grant.

This reduction of the MOP for subletting will allow flat owners greater flexibility to monetise their flats when it is needed, e.g. during retirement or times of financial difficulty. It will also enlarge the rental market for HDB flats and offer more rental housing options for those who are not yet ready to buy a property.

Yours sincerely

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