

Together We Uphold a Fair Society

Don't Bribe, Report Corruption



Don't Bribe

Bribery is a criminal offence in Hong Kong. It is a bribery offence for an employee, whether working in the public sector or in a private sector company, to solicit or accept an advantage for abusing his authority. The one who offers a bribe is also culpable. According to the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance (PBO), an advantage refers to anything of value, such as any gift, reward, commission, loan, office, service and favour. **The maximum penalty for offering, soliciting or accepting an advantage is seven years in jail and a fine of HK\$500,000.**

Two examples of bribery are given below:

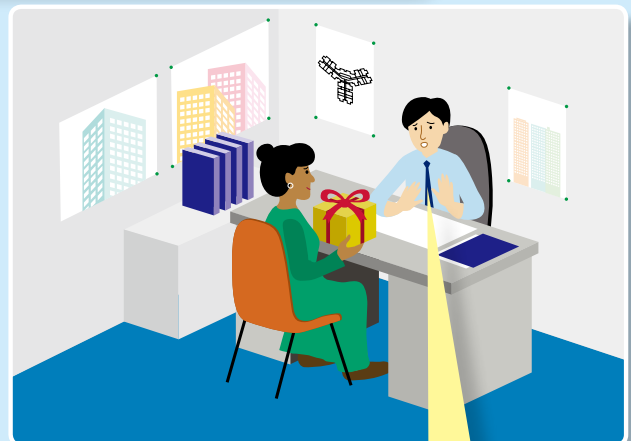
■ Applying for government service ■

A resident has submitted an application for government service. Eager to get the service as quickly as possible, the resident offers a gift to a government officer for expediting the process. The resident has committed an offence of offering a bribe under the PBO as no approval will be given by Hong Kong Government for its officers to solicit or accept the gift. If the government officer accepts the gift as a reward for processing the application, he will also commit a bribery offence.

■ Finding a job ■

A job seeker offers HK\$3,000 to a manager of a company in order to secure a job. The job seeker will be liable for an offence under the PBO, while the manager will also breach the law if he, without the permission of his company, accepts the money in connection with the company's business.

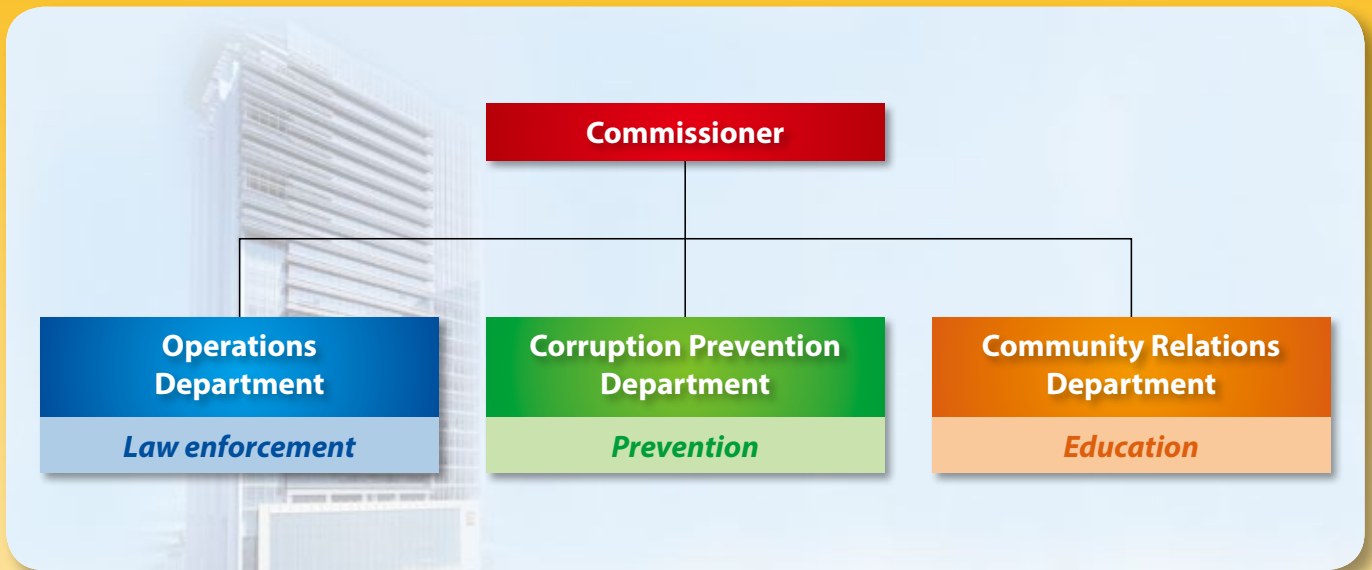
Can you help speed up my application? I've been waiting for so long. This is a small gift for you.



I can't accept it because it is illegal.

Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC)


The ICAC is the independent and dedicated anti-corruption agency in Hong Kong. It fights corruption through effective law enforcement, prevention and education.



Report Corruption

Corruption brings unfairness and adversely affects our daily lives. Do not tolerate corruption and report it to the ICAC.

- Interpretation service in ethnic languages can be arranged.
- Your identity and information provided will be kept confidential.
- No need to make appointment. Reports can be made:

 **By phone:** 25 266 366 (24-hour hotline)

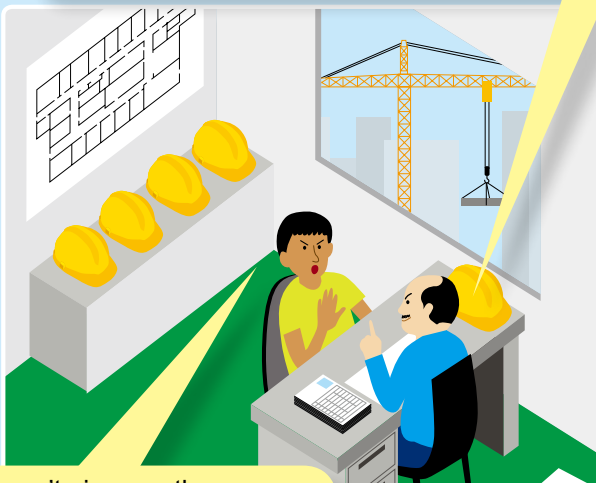
 **In person:** ICAC Report Centre (24-hour service) or any ICAC Regional Office

 **By mail:** GPO Box 1000, Hong Kong



ICAC Website : www.icac.org.hk

I will secure a job for you if you give me \$3,000.



I won't give you the money.
It's a bribery act – It's illegal.



I do not tolerate corruption.
I must report it to the ICAC.