

Construction Noise Permit (CNP) from EPD

- A2.1 Roadworks are particularly noise intrusive and disturbing with demolition and road breaking works using powered mechanical equipment. At the stage of planning the roadworks, contractors should evaluate the construction noise, prepare the noise management plan and consider the best practicable means with adoption of quietest practicable working methods and equipment. Contractors will have to obtain Construction Noise Permit (CNP) from the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) for working within the restricted hours under the Noise Control Ordinance. To facilitate the application and efficient processing for CNP, contractors should consider submitting the CNP applications with noise management plans including adopted quietest practicable working methods and equipment via online submission of application at EPD's website¹.
- A2.2 The consideration of best practical means include but not limited to using quiet alternative construction method, using good quality and quiet powered mechanical equipment with Quality Powered Mechanical Equipment (QPME) label¹ issued by EPD, provision of effective noise control measures, etc. Conditions on allowable working periods, the powered mechanical equipment to be used, noise control measures, advance notification of carrying out of work, etc., will be imposed by the EPD, and an online system¹ to notify the carrying out of work to the EPD in advance is also available for facilitating the work scheduling and compliance of CNP conditions. Enforcement action will be taken against contractors who do not follow the conditions of the CNP. A set of guidelines also prepared by the EPD¹ for exploration of feasibility of daytime roadwork, consideration of CNP application in case of justifiable need for roadwork at nighttime and adoption of quiet construction methods. The guidelines will be updated from time to time by the EPD. Contractors shall consult EPD for the latest practices and requirements on application of CNP. The above-mentioned online platforms and guidelines on CNP requirements and QPME label are available on the EPD's website.

¹ https://www.epd.gov.hk/epd/english/application_for_licences/guidance/application_maincontent36.html