

**Arrangements for the Legal Aid Appeal Hearings
& Legal Aid Review Hearings (“legal aid appeal hearings”)
when Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal or Rainstorm Warning Signal is hoisted
or announcement of “Extreme Condition”**

1. When Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 3 (or lower) is hoisted or Amber / Red Rainstorm Warning Signal is issued by the Hong Kong Observatory, the legal aid appeal hearings will be **held as scheduled**;
2. If Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 (or higher), Black Rainstorm Warning Signal or an “Extreme Condition” announcement is cancelled at or before 6:00 a.m., all hearings on **that day** will be **held as scheduled**. If such Signal or announcement is cancelled at or before 11:00 a.m., all hearings in **that afternoon** will be **held as scheduled**;
3. If Pre – Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 Special Announcement is issued that Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No.8 will be hoisted between 6:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, all hearings in **that morning** will be **adjourned until further notice**. If such Special Announcement is issued that Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 will be hoisted after 11:00 a.m., all hearings in **that afternoon** will **also be adjourned until further notice**;
4. If Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 (or higher) is hoisted, Black Rainstorm Warning Signal or an “Extreme Condition” announcement is issued between 6:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, all hearings in **that morning** will be **adjourned until further notice**. If such Signal or announcement is issued or remains in force after 11:00 a.m., all hearings in **that afternoon** will **also be adjourned until further notice**;
5. For adjourned hearings, **we will arrange a new hearing date and inform the concerned parties in due course**. For enquiries, please call our staff at 2867 3038 (Headquarters) or 2399 2299 (Kowloon Branch Office) after our office has resumed open as usual. **Please do not call the Judiciary for enquiry**;
6. If Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 (or higher) is hoisted, Black Rainstorm Warning Signal or an “Extreme Condition” announcement is issued while a hearing is in progress, the Registrar will **decide whether to adjourn or continue with the hearing**.

Legal Aid Department
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