

2,600 apply for six-month trading licence in KL

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KUALA LUMPUR City Hall (DBKL) has received about 2,600 applications for temporary licence under the free trade area initiative as of Dec 2.

Of this, the Bandar Tun Razak parliamentary constituency recorded the highest number of applications at 516, which made up almost one-fifth of the total.

Both Setiawangsa and Titiwangsa constituencies recorded slightly more than half of that amount, at 294 and 289 applications respectively.

People's housing project (PPR) and public housing (PA) areas, that have been divided into four zones, recorded 291 applications in total.

The least number of applications received was from Lembah Pantai with only 98.

Under the initiative that began on Nov 15, those who wanted to become petty traders could apply for a six-month licence.

In a *StarMetro* report on Nov 12, Federal Territories Minister Tan Sri Annuar Musa said the initiative was to help those who had lost their income amid the difficult economic times.

He had said that the temporary traders would be given priority when applying for a permanent licence if they wished to continue beyond six months.

"They will be given priority, and coincidentally, Ramadan falls in April, which is the end of the validity date of the licence.

"If we show discipline and manage the Covid-19 situation in the country, we may be able to have Ramadan bazaars that we missed this year," he was quoted saying in a Dec 2 *StarMetro* report.

Hari Raya Aidilfitri is expected to fall on May 13 and 14 next year.

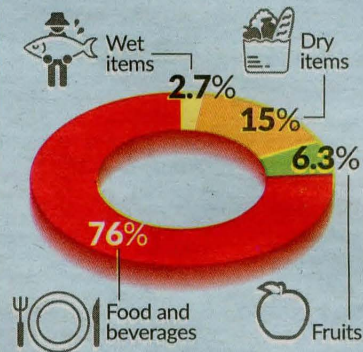
As for the types of trade, a significant number of applications were to sell food and beverages, recording almost four-fifth of applications at 76%.

Applications for dry items came a distant second with only 381

Temporary licence applications according to parliamentary constituency in KL

Bandar Tun Razak	516
Batu	202
Bukit Bintang	178
Cheras	109
Kepong	146
Lembah Pantai	98
Segambut	188
Seputeh	142
Setiawangsa	294
Titiwangsa	289
Wangsa Maju	175
Zone 1 - PPR and PA	123
Zone 2 - PPR and PA	84
Zone 3 - PPR and PA	49
Zone 4 - PPR and PA	35
Total	2,628

Breakdown of types of trade for temporary licence in KL



Source: Kuala Lumpur City Hall

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(15%) applications.

The two lowest applications were for fruits and wet items, both recording only 6.3% and 2.7% respectively.

DBKL, in a statement on Nov 13,

said applications for the temporary licence were open to all Malaysians above 18.

No fee is charged, and each licence is valid until April 15 next year.