

Summary of Enter/ Stay in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) for employment as entrepreneurs under the General Employment Policy (GEP)

Investment as Entrepreneurs

1. Introduction

This summary sets out the entry arrangement for persons who wish to enter/stay in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) for investment as entrepreneurs under the General Employment Policy (GEP), i.e. to establish or join in business in the HKSAR.

This entry arrangement does not apply to:

- a. Chinese residents of the Mainland of China (the Mainland); and
- b. nationals of Afghanistan, Cuba, Laos, Korea (Democratic People's Republic of), Nepal and Vietnam.

Applicants admitted under the scheme may apply to bring in their spouse and unmarried dependent children under the age of 18 to the HKSAR under the prevailing dependant policy.

2. Eligibility Criteria

An application for a visa/entry permit to enter the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) for investment as entrepreneur may be favourably considered if:

- a. there is no security objection and no known record of serious crime in respect of the applicant;
- b. the applicant has a good education background, normally a first degree in the relevant field, but in special circumstances, good technical qualifications, proven professional abilities and/or relevant experience and achievements supported by documentary evidence may also be accepted; and
- c. the applicant is in a position to make substantial contribution to the economy of the HKSAR, with consideration factors including, but not limited to, business plan, business turnover, financial resources, investment sum, number of jobs created locally and introduction of new technology or skills. Details of these consideration factors are Business Plan, Business Turnover, Financial Resources, Investment Sum, Number of Jobs Created Locally and Introduction of New Technology or Skills (if applicable).
- d. Start-up Businesses. An applicant who wishes to establish or join in a start-up business may also submit an application. The Immigration Department may consider the application favourably, if the start-up business concerned is supported by a government-backed programme with a rigorous vetting and selection process, and the applicant is the proprietor or partner of the start-up company or a key researcher of the relevant project.

- e. Overseas Chinese nationals holding People's Republic of China passports who are living overseas and meet the criteria stipulated above and normal immigration requirements may apply to enter the HKSAR for investment if:
 - i. the applicant has permanent residence overseas; or
 - ii. the applicant has been residing overseas for at least one year immediately before the submission of application and that the application is submitted from overseas.

In general, unless a person has the right of abode or right to land in the HKSAR, he/ she requires a visa/ entry permit for investment in the HKSAR. While each application is determined on its individual merits, an applicant should meet normal immigration requirements

3. Process of Application

Acknowledgement of Application received	In general, it takes about four weeks to process applications submitted and will receive an acknowledgement letter.
Issue of Approval Letter	Approval takes about 5-6 months. If the application is approved, you will receive the "Approval Letter"
Issue of Visa/Entry Permit	The visa/entry permit label will be collected by the employer(sponsor) from the Immigration Department and forwarded to the applicant.

Remark: The sponsor of the main applicant will be a Hong Kong permanent resident or the employing company

4. Charges :

For details, welcome to contact our company.

5. Application Time Required

It will take about 6-8 months from the submission of the document.

Investment as Entrepreneurs documentation requirements

Q & A **【For due diligence purpose】**

Please answer the below questions By Applicant

1. Have you ever been denied of any citizenship by investment in any country? Have you ever been denied of a visa application in any country?

Ans:

2. Did you changed your name ?

Ans:

3. Did you have any overseas working experience or records ?

Ans:

4. Did you owned any company in China, Hong Kong or other countries - [including: legal representative/ supervising director/ Director/ Shareholder/ Consultant etc. If yes: Please list out the company named/ location/ nature of the company/ position / registered capital / number of share holding ?

Ans:

5. Have you ever violated any law in any countries? Is there any record from the government department or court?

Ans:

6. Did you holding any property (anywhere)? If yes, please state the date of purchased, the present estimated values / quantity ?

Ans:

7. Did you have any investment records (both personal & company owned)? Including: stocks, bonds, insurance, financial products (wherever)

Ans:

8. How much for your update cash flow ? [any place/ bank?] Bank statement need provides 6 months or above record accordingly

Ans:

9. Have you participated in any charitable activities or records, including: donations (Wherever in any place)?

Ans:

10. How many nationality owned? (both previous & present) Did u have any termination of nationality record?

Ans:

11. How is the level of English? Beginner/ Intermediate / High ?

Ans:

12. The highest educational level/ certificate/ qualification/ honour/ training?

Ans:

13. Do you have any political parties record (Wherever in any place) ?

Ans:

14. Do you have any Hong Kong personal bank account or any cancellation record of bank account?

Ans:

15. Are you able to provide non-criminal record?

Ans:

16. Can you issuing the professional or company reference letter?

Ans:

17. Do you have military services record (in any countries reference)?

Ans:

18. Do you have any special request?

Ans:

Required Application Forms/ Documents

A. Forms and documents to be submitted by the applicant for entry for investment

1. Application for Entry for Investment as Entrepreneurs in Hong Kong (ID 999A)
2. The applicant's recent photograph (affixed on page 2 of the application form ID 999A)
3. Photocopy of the applicant's valid travel document containing personal particulars, date of issue, date of expiry and/ or details of any re-entry visa held (if applicable). For an applicant who is currently staying in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), photocopy of his/ her travel document page containing the latest arrival stamp/landing slip/ extension of stay label in the HKSAR and the latest issued "e-Visa" (if applicable).
4. Photocopy of the applicant's Hong Kong identity card (if any)
5. Photocopy of proof of academic qualifications and relevant work experience

6. Photocopy of proof of the applicant's financial standing (e.g. bank statements)
7. Photocopy of the company's employment contract with or letter of appointment to the applicant containing information about post, salary, other fringe benefits and employment periods (if applicable)
8. Detailed 2-year investment plan which contains details of proposed business activities, amount of investment, creation of local job posts, setting up of an office/ showroom/ warehouse, etc.
9. Proof of company's business activities such as photocopy of contracts, invoices or proof of business deals under negotiation (if applicable)
10. Photocopy of proof of the company's financial standing (e.g. latest audited financial report, trading profit and loss account, or profits tax return)
11. Documents with details of company background such as business activities, mode of operation, background/ connection of company, product ranges, sources and markets, membership of chamber of commerce (if any) etc. (supported with catalogues, brochures, etc) [if the applicant has invested in the HKSAR]
12. Photocopy of tenancy agreements/ supporting documents on office set-up
13. Proof of posts created for local employees such as photocopy of records of monthly contributions to Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme (if applicable)
14. Photocopy of Business Registration Certificate and business registration particulars e.g. Inland Revenue Department Form 1(a)/ Form 1(c) [if the applicant has invested in the HKSAR]
15. Photocopy of documents filed with the Companies Registry such as Certificate of Incorporation/ latest annual return/ Incorporation Form (Company Limited by Shares)/ Memorandum of Association/ Articles of Association
16. Photocopy of licences or certificates for the operation of the business (e.g. relevant licences for financial institutions issued by the Securities and Futures Commission) (if applicable)
17. * Letter indicating valid support by a government-backed programme
18. Photocopy of the applicant's Macao identity card [for Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) residents only]
19. Photocopy of the applicant's household registration in Taiwan and Taiwan identity card [for Taiwan residents only]
20. Photocopy of proof of the applicant's overseas residence, such as photocopy of official documents showing applicant's condition of stay and limit of stay endorsed by overseas authorities [for overseas Chinese holding People's Republic of China passports only]

* For applicants who wish to establish or join in a start-up business supported by a government-backed programme.

B. Forms and documents to be submitted by the sponsor

- i. For applications in which the sponsor is a **Company**:
 - 1. Application for Entry for Investment as Entrepreneurs (Sponsor) in Hong Kong (ID 999B)
 - 2. Photocopy of Business Registration Certificate

- ii. For applications in which the sponsor is an **Individual**:
 - 1. Application for Entry for Investment as Entrepreneurs (Sponsor) in Hong Kong (ID 999B)
 - 2. Photocopy of the sponsor's Hong Kong permanent identity card/ Hong Kong identity card or valid travel document (for non-permanent residents of the HKSAR only)