

# Entry for Study in Hong Kong (Students)

## 1) Introduction

This page sets out the entry arrangement for persons who wish to enter the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) for study.

## 2) Eligibility Criteria

1. An application for a visa/entry permit to enter the HKSAR for study may be favourably considered if :
  - a. the applicant:
    - i. is admitted to a private school registered under the Education Ordinance (Cap. 279) or Post Secondary Colleges Ordinance (Cap. 320). Except for post-secondary education, entry for study in public or aided schools (other than English Schools Foundation Schools and Direct Subsidy Scheme Schools) is not permitted;
    - ii. takes up studies in a full-time locally-accredited post-secondary programme including short-term course or part-time locally-accredited taught postgraduate local programme [Note 1](#);
    - iii. is admitted on exchange in full-time locally-accredited local programmes at sub-degree level for not more than 6 months or on exchange in full-time locally-accredited local or non-local programmes for not more than one year at undergraduate or above level; or
    - iv. is enrolled in a full-time course on the register of non-local higher education or professional courses as set up under the Non-local Higher and Professional Education (Regulation) Ordinance (Cap. 493);
  - b. the applicant is:
    - i. from the age of 5 years and 8 months to 11 for primary education; or
    - ii. below the age of 20 for secondary education;
  - c. the applicant holds a school acceptance letter to confirm that he/she has been accepted for a course of study; and
  - d. the applicant is able to meet the fees for the course, the living expenses for his/her maintenance and accommodation without working and without recourse to public funds.

2. This entry arrangement does not apply to
  - a. Chinese residents of the Mainland and Taiwan;
  - b. former Mainland Chinese residents settled in Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) who were not settled there by 14 January 1979; and
  - c. nationals of Afghanistan, Cuba, Laos, Korea (Democratic People's Republic of ), Nepal and Vietnam.
  
3. However, provided that the conditions in sub-paragraphs 1(c) & (d) above are met, Chinese residents of the Mainland, Macao SAR and Taiwan as listed in sub-paragraphs 2(a) & (b) above and nationals of Vietnam as listed in sub-paragraph 2(c) above may apply for entry to take up:
  - For Chinese residents of the Mainland, Macao SAR and Taiwan (sub-paragraphs 2(a) & (b) above):
    - a. studies in full-time locally-accredited post-secondary local or non-local programmes [Note 2&3](#);
    - b. studies in part-time locally-accredited taught post-graduate local programmes [Note 4](#);
    - c. exchange in full-time locally-accredited local programmes at sub-degree level for not more than 6 months or exchange in full-time locally-accredited local or non-local programmes at undergraduate or above level for not more than one year [Note 3](#); or
    - d. full-time short-term studies, subject to the following conditions:
      - i. the programme concerned is offered by Hong Kong higher education institutions with degree-awarding powers (excluding their continuing and professional education arms); and
      - ii. the cumulative duration of short-term studies taken up by any student should not exceed 180 days within any 12-month period.

In addition, Chinese residents of the Mainland may also apply to attend secondary school level short-term exchange programmes approved by the Education Bureau of not more than 2 weeks, if accompanied by Mainland teachers.

- For nationals of Vietnam (sub-paragraph 2(c) above):

studies in full-time locally-accredited local programmes at undergraduate or above level offered by the University Grants Committee (UGC)-funded institutions, but excluding: (i) self-financing programmes offered by the relevant institutions; and (ii) programmes offered by the continuing and professional education arms of the relevant institutions.

4. In general, unless a person has the right of abode or right to land in the HKSAR, he/she requires a visa/entry permit to study in the HKSAR. While each application is determined on its individual merits, an applicant should meet normal immigration requirements (such as holding a valid travel document with adequate returnability to his/her country of residence or citizenship; be of clear criminal record and raise no security or criminal concerns to the HKSAR; have no likelihood of becoming a burden on the HKSAR, etc.) as well as the relevant specific eligibility criteria detailed above before he/she may be considered for the grant of a visa/entry permit.

**Note 1:**

Local programmes refer to programmes leading to degrees awarded by local degree-awarding institutions whereas non-local programmes refer to programmes leading to degrees awarded solely by non-local institutions, irrespective of whether the programmes are jointly run by local and non-local institutions.

**Note 2:**

The agreement between the Mainland and the HKSAR on mutual recognition of degree awards in higher education is not applicable to sub-degree qualifications (i.e. associate degree and higher diploma). Mainland students may come to attend sub-degree level local programmes in the HKSAR since there is no restriction in the Mainland prohibiting them to pursue further studies at educational institutions outside the Mainland on a personal basis.

**Note 3:**

Mainland students are allowed to study in full-time locally-accredited local programmes. Mainland students are also allowed to study in full-time locally-accredited non-local programmes at undergraduate or above level which have been approved by the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China.

**Note 4:**

The programmes to be taken up by Mainland students must be offered by the University Grants Committee-funded institutions.

### **3) Precautions**

#### **Sponsor in Hong Kong**

To apply for entry for study, the applicant should nominate a local sponsor. A local sponsor can either be the educational institution granting the acceptance or an individual. If the local sponsor is an individual, he/she should be:

- a. of the age of 18 or above;
- b. a bona fide Hong Kong resident;
- c. acquainted with the applicant; and
- d. financially capable to support the applicant and provide him/her with accommodation.

Besides, if the applicant is under the age of 18, one of the applicant's parents should authorise the sponsor or his/her relative/friend in Hong Kong to be the guardian of the applicant. A consent letter duly signed by both the guardian and one of the applicant's parents should be produced.

#### **4) Process**

1. Confirm receipt of application	An application confirmation notice will be sent to the applicant within 7 days of receipt of the application. (issued by immigration)
2. Issuing the 《Notice of Approval》	Approval takes about Six weeks. If the application is approved, an "Approval Letter" will be received. (issued by immigration)
3. Issuance of visa/entry permit	The visa/entry permit label can be collected by the applicant or agent at the Immigration Department and forwarded to the applicant. (issued by immigration)

#### **5) Charges**

For details, welcome to contact our company.

#### **6) Application time**

From date of submission application file about 1-2 months.

## Requirements of Entry for Study in Hong Kong (Students)

### Q & A

**Please answer the below questions by Applicant 【For Due Diligence Purpose】**

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

Ans:

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

Ans:

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

Ans:

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

Ans:

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

Ans:

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

Ans:

9. Do you have any special request ?

Ans:

### Forms/ Documents Required

#### (A) Forms and Documents to be Submitted by the Applicant

- a. Application for Entry for Study in Hong Kong (ID 995A)
- b. The applicant's recent photograph (affixed on page 2 of the application form ID 995A)
- c. 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 HKSAR, photocopy of his/her

travel document page containing the latest arrival stamp/extension of stay label in the HKSAR. A Chinese resident of the Mainland who has not been issued with a travel document may submit a photocopy of his/her People's Republic of China resident identity card.

- d.** Photocopy of the applicant's Hong Kong identity card (if any)
- e.** A letter of acceptance from the educational institution
- f.** One of the applicant's parents should authorise the sponsor or his/her relative/friend in the HKSAR to be the guardian of the applicant. A consent letter duly signed by both the | guardian and one of the applicant 's parents should be produced. [if the applicant is under the age of 18]
- g.** Photocopy of proof of the applicant's accommodation arrangement [if the applicant is under the age of 18]
- h.** Photocopy of proof of the applicant's financial support, e.g. bank statements, savings account passbooks, tax receipts and salary slips [if the sponsor is the educational institution]
- i.** Photocopy of the applicant's Macao identity card [for Macao SAR residents only]
- j.** Photocopy of the applicant's household registration in Taiwan and Taiwan identity card [for Taiwan residents only]

## **(B) Forms and Documents to be Submitted by the Sponsor**

- a.** Application for Entry for Study (Sponsor) in Hong Kong (ID 995B)
- b.** An undertaking that the sponsor is prepared to provide accommodation to the applicant during his/her period of study in the HKSAR [if the applicant is under the age of 18]
- c.** Photocopy of the sponsor's Hong Kong identity card #
- d.** Photocopy of the sponsor's travel document containing personal particulars, date of issue,date of expiry, and the latest arrival stamp/extension of stay label in the HKSAR [for non-permanent resident of the HKSAR only] #
- e.** Photocopy of proof of the sponsor' s financial standing, e.g. bank statements, savings account passbooks, tax receipts and salary slips; and an undertaking that the sponsor is prepared to provide financial support to the applicant during his/her period of study in the HKSAR #

# Submission of the documents is not required if the sponsor is the educational institution granting the acceptance.