

Overview of the Quota-free Scheme for Hong Kong Private Cars Travelling to Guangdong via the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge

1. The Quota-free Scheme for Hong Kong Private Cars Travelling to Guangdong via the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) (the Scheme) allows eligible **Hong Kong private cars** to travel between Hong Kong and **Guangdong** via HZMB **without the need to obtain regular quotas**. The Scheme would facilitate Hong Kong residents to drive to Guangdong for **business, visiting families or sight-seeing** on a short-term basis, thereby further making good use of HZMB and promoting development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.
2. The HKSAR Government and the Guangdong Provincial Government are now finalising the detailed implementation arrangements for the Scheme, and will **strive to announce detailed arrangements in the first quarter of 2023 and implement the Scheme within 2023**, subject to factors such as the anti-epidemic requirements of Guangdong and Hong Kong.
3. **Eligibility of applicants:** The applicant must be a Hong Kong resident who possesses a valid Hong Kong Identity Card and a valid Mainland Travel Permit for Hong Kong and Macao Residents (i.e. **Home Return Permit**). The applicant must be the **registered owner of the private car concerned**.
4. **Eligibility of vehicles:** The Scheme is designed for non-commercial **private cars**. The vehicle must be in **seating capacity of eight or below (including the driver)**, and must not exceed six metres in length. The vehicle is required to obtain relevant **vehicle licences and permits** of the two places (including closed road permit for cross-boundary vehicles and vehicle licence).
5. **Eligibility of drivers:** Each applicant may **designate no more than two drivers** to drive the private car concerned between Hong Kong and Guangdong. Designated drivers must possess valid entry and exit documents including a valid **“Home Return Permit”, or foreign**

passport with valid visa/endorsement (or residence permit, permanent resident card), **or other international travel documents with valid visa/endorsement** (or residence permit, permanent resident card), etc.; and possess driving licences for private cars in Hong Kong and the Mainland.

6. **Duration of stay:** The applicant's vehicle may **stay for no more than 30 consecutive days** upon each entry to the Mainland and **no more than 180 days within a year in aggregate**.
7. **Insurance requirements:** The applicant must fulfill the insurance requirements of the two places, including purchasing the **“Compulsory Traffic Accident Liability Insurance for Motor Vehicles” in the Mainland** for the private car concerned.
8. **Vehicle inspection:** The applicant's vehicle must be inspected at the **China Inspection Company Limited**. The vehicle concerned is not required to go to the Mainland for separate inspection.
9. **Application procedures and formalities:** The Guangdong Provincial Government and Hong Kong Government are finalising the application procedures and detailed formalities for the Scheme, with a view to streamlining the application procedures and lowering the fees as much as possible. For example, the State Council has announced the **customs guarantee-free policy** for Hong Kong private cars under the Scheme on 25 November 2022 such that eligible Hong Kong private cars participating in the Scheme could be exempted from paying customs duties or applying for guarantee arrangements with the Mainland Customs.
10. **Regular quotas for cross-boundary private cars travelling between Guangdong and Hong Kong:** The Scheme will not affect the existing system of regular quotas for cross-boundary private cars travelling between Guangdong and Hong Kong, and the two systems will run in parallel.
