



Admission Scheme for the Second Generation of Chinese Hong Kong Permanent Residents

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I. Introduction

This guidebook sets out the entry arrangements for persons who wish to enter the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) for employment under the “Admission Scheme for the Second Generation of Chinese Hong Kong Permanent Residents” (the Scheme)¹.

II. Eligibility Criteria

2. Persons who are the second generation of emigrated Chinese Hong Kong permanent residents from overseas who wish to return to work in the HKSAR may apply under the Scheme.

3. Applicants under the Scheme will have to meet, apart from normal immigration requirements (see details in paragraph 15 below), the following criteria -

- (a) aged between 18 and 40 at the time of application;
- (b) born overseas (i.e. not in the Mainland, the HKSAR, the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) or Taiwan);
- (c) have at least one parent who is the holder of a valid Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card at the time of application and was a Chinese national² who had settled overseas at the time of the applicant’s birth;
- (d) have a good education background, normally a first degree, but in special circumstances, good technical qualifications, proven professional abilities and/or relevant experience and achievements supported by documentary evidence may also be accepted;³
- (e) proficient in written and spoken Chinese (Putonghua or Cantonese) or English; and

¹ This Scheme is not applicable to applicants who are nationals of Afghanistan, Cambodia, Cuba, Laos, Korea (Democratic People’s Republic of), Nepal and Vietnam.

² "Chinese national" means a person of Chinese nationality under the Nationality Law of the People's Republic of China, as implemented in the HKSAR pursuant to Article 18 of and Annex III to the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China and interpreted in accordance with the Explanations of Some Questions by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress Concerning the Implementation of the Nationality Law of the People's Republic of China in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region adopted at the 19th meeting of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress at the 8th National People's Congress on 15 May 1996.

³ The academic level of claimed non-local academic qualifications shall be equivalent to the locally recognised standard of Bachelor’s, Master’s or Doctoral degrees. The Immigration Department may require applicant to have his / her claimed overseas academic qualifications assessed by the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications at the applicant’s own expense, if necessary.

- (f) have sufficient financial means and are able to meet the living expenses for his/her (including his/her dependants, if any) maintenance and accommodation in the HKSAR without recourse to public funds.

III. Application Procedures

Application Forms

4. Applicants should complete application form ID 1017 which can be obtained free of charge from the following offices:

- (a) Immigration Department Headquarters;
- (b) Immigration Branch Offices;
- (c) Overseas Chinese Diplomatic and Consular Missions; and
- (d) HKSAR Government offices outside Hong Kong.

The form can also be downloaded from the Immigration Department's website at www.immd.gov.hk.

Supporting Documents

5. Please refer to the checklist at **Part IX**.

Submission of Application

6. All application forms must be duly completed and signed before submission. Failure to properly complete the forms or submit requested supporting documents may delay the processing of the applications. Where there are accompanying dependants, each dependant must complete and sign Part B of application form ID 1017 (for details, please refer to **Part VII** below). If an individual dependant wishes to join the applicant later and submit the application separately, he/she should complete the application form "Application for Entry for Residence as Dependants in Hong Kong" (ID 997) instead. For dependant under the age of 16, the application form must be signed by his/her parent or legal guardian.

7. Completed application forms, ID 1017 or ID 997 as appropriate, and all supporting documents are to be submitted in one of the following ways:

- (a) In person / by post or through a local representative in the HKSAR to:

Receipt and Despatch Sub-Unit
Hong Kong Immigration Department
2/F, Immigration Tower
7 Gloucester Road
Wan Chai, Hong Kong

or

- (b) Online through the GovHK website at the following links:

www.gov.hk/en/residents/immigration/nonpermanent/secondgenerationhkpr
www.gov.hk/tc/residents/immigration/nonpermanent/secondgenerationhkpr

IV. Travel Documentation Requirement

8. A visa/entry permit label will be issued upon successful application and payment of fees. It can be collected from the Immigration Department in person or by a local representative or be mailed to the applicant directly by registered air mail.
9. The visa/entry permit label should be affixed onto a blank visa page of the applicant's valid travel document for presentation to an immigration officer upon arrival in the HKSAR.

V. Conditions of Stay

10. Applicants admitted under the Scheme will remain in the HKSAR on time limitation only without other conditions of stay. They are free to take up or change employment or to establish or join in business in the HKSAR during their permitted stay without the need to seek prior approval from the Director of Immigration.

VI. Extension of Stay

11. Persons admitted under the Scheme will normally be granted an initial stay of 12 months on time limitation only without other conditions of stay. They may apply for extension of stay in the HKSAR within four weeks before the expiry of their limit of stay. While applicants are not required to have secured an offer of employment in the HKSAR upon application for entry under the Scheme, when applying for extension of stay, applicants are required to have secured an offer of

employment (which is at a level commonly taken up by degree holders and the remuneration package of which is at market level). For those who have established or joined in business in the HKSAR, they are required to produce proof of their business. Successful applicants for extension of stay will normally be permitted to remain on time limitation only on the 2-2-3 years extension pattern without other conditions of stay.

VII. Entry of Dependants

12. Persons admitted or seeking admission under the Scheme may apply, under their sponsorship, to bring in their spouse and unmarried dependent children under the age of 18 to the HKSAR under the prevailing dependant policy. An application for admission of a dependant may be favourably considered if normal immigration requirements (see details in paragraph 15 below) and the following criteria are met:

- (a) there is reasonable proof of a genuine relationship between the dependant and the sponsor;
- (b) there is no known record to the detriment of the dependant; and
- (c) the sponsor is able to support the dependant's living at a standard well above the subsistence level and provide him/her with suitable accommodation in the HKSAR.

13. This entry arrangement for dependant does not apply to:

- (a) former Mainland Chinese residents residing in the Macao SAR who have acquired residence in the Macao SAR through channels other than the One-way Permit Arrangements; and
- (b) nationals of Afghanistan and Korea (Democratic People's Republic of).

14. The length of stay of such dependants will normally be linked to that of their sponsors. They will remain in the HKSAR on time limitation only without other conditions of stay and are not prohibited from taking up employment or studies in the HKSAR. Any subsequent applications for extension of stay of such dependants will be considered only if the dependants continue to meet the eligibility criteria set out in paragraph 12 above and the sponsor remains a bona fide Hong Kong resident living in the HKSAR. For further details on the entry and extension of stay arrangements for dependants, please refer to the "Guidebook for Entry for Residence as Dependants in Hong Kong" [ID(E) 998].

VIII. Other Information

15. 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 work 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. It should be noted that the eligibility criteria may be subject to change from time to time without prior notice. Please check the Immigration Department's website at www.immd.gov.hk for up-to-date information.

Re-entry into the HKSAR

16. Non-permanent residents of the HKSAR (including persons admitted under this Scheme), irrespective of their nationality and type of travel document held, do not require a re-entry visa/entry permit to enter the HKSAR provided that they return within the validity of their permitted limit of stay and that the circumstances upon which they have acquired their residential status remain unchanged.

Right of Abode

17. Persons admitted under this Scheme who have ordinarily resided in the HKSAR for a continuous period of not less than seven years may apply for the right of abode in the HKSAR in accordance with the law.

Payment of Fees

18. Payment of visa/entry permit fee, applicable to each applicant / dependant, will be settled after the application is approved. If the visa/entry permit label is collected in person or through a local representative, payment of fees should be made upon collection of the visa/entry permit in cash, by EPS or by cheque. The cheque should be crossed, made payable to "*The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region*", properly dated and signed.

19. If an applicant wishes to receive the visa/entry permit label by registered air mail, he/she should send a cashier order or a bank draft (with exact fare in Hong Kong currency) upon receipt of an approval letter from the Immigration Department. The cashier order or bank draft should be issued by a bank which has a connected bank in the HKSAR and made payable to "*The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region*". No cash should be sent.

Processing of Application

20. The Immigration Department will not be able to start processing the application unless all the required supporting documents and information are received. As it will take time to process applications, applicants may regard their applications as being under process unless they have received a notification of application result from the Immigration Department.

21. All applications are processed and determined by the Immigration Department. Approval of applications is entirely discretionary and is subject to changes in government policies. The Director of Immigration reserves absolute discretion to refuse any application even if the application meets all eligibility criteria.

Warning

22. It is an offence to make false statements or representations to an immigration officer. A person who knowingly and wilfully makes a statement or gives information which he/she knows to be false or does not believe to be true shall be guilty of an offence under the Laws of Hong Kong and any such visa/entry permit issued or permission to enter or remain in the HKSAR granted shall have no effect.

Disclaimer

23. The information in this guidebook serves as reference only. The Immigration Department of the HKSAR is not responsible for any loss or damage whatsoever arising out of or in connection with any information in this guidebook. The Immigration Department reserves the right to omit, suspend or edit any information in this guidebook at any time in its absolute discretion without giving any reason or prior notice. The Immigration Department further reserves the right to change the eligibility criteria and details of the arrangement set out above from time to time without prior notice.

Enquiries

24. Applicants can enquire about their application status online through the GovHK website at www.gov.hk/immdstatusenquiry or through the 24-hour telephone enquiry system at (852) 3160 8663. For more information, please contact the Immigration Department by enquiry hotline at (852) 2824 6111, by fax at (852) 2877 7711, by email to enquiry@immd.gov.hk, or visit the Immigration Department's website at www.immd.gov.hk.

IX. Checklist of Forms and Documents to be Submitted

(A) Forms and documents to be submitted by the applicant

Application Form for Entry under the Admission Scheme for the Second Generation of Chinese Hong Kong Permanent Residents (ID 1017)
The applicant's recent photograph (affixed on page 1 of application form ID 1017)
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
Photocopy of the applicant's Hong Kong identity card (if any)
Photocopy of evidence of the applicant's relationship with his/her Chinese Hong Kong Permanent Resident parent(s) e.g. applicant's birth certificate
Photocopy of valid Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card of applicant's parent(s)
Photocopy of proof of academic qualifications and relevant work experience
Photocopy of the applicant's financial standing e.g. bank statements, savings accounts passbooks, tax receipts and salary slips

(B) Forms and documents to be submitted in respect of dependants

Application for Entry under the Admission Scheme for the Second Generation of Chinese Hong Kong Permanent Residents (ID 1017) with Part B duly completed by each accompanying dependant <i>(for joint application with the applicant)</i>
Application for Entry for Residence as Dependants in Hong Kong (ID 997) <i>(for individual dependant not submitting application together with the applicant)</i>
The dependant's recent photograph (affixed on Part B of application form ID 1017 or ID 997)
Photocopy of the dependant's valid travel document containing personal particulars, date of issue, date of expiry and/or details of any re-entry visa held
Photocopy of evidence of the dependant's relationship with the applicant, e.g. marriage certificate, birth certificate and census record book
Photocopy of the sponsor's travel document containing personal particulars, date of issue, date of expiry and/or details of any re-entry visa held
Photocopy of the sponsor's Hong Kong identity card (if any)
Photocopy of the sponsor's financial standing e.g. bank statements, savings accounts passbooks, tax receipts and salary slips
Photocopy of the dependant's Macao identity card <i>[for Macao SAR residents only]</i>
Photocopy of the dependant's household registration in Taiwan and Taiwan identity card <i>[for Taiwan residents only]</i>

(C) Forms and documents to be submitted by the applicant for extension of stay application

Forms/Documents Required	First-time extension	Subsequent extension
Application for Extension of Stay (ID 91)	✓	✓
Original and photocopy of the applicant's valid travel document and, where applicable, his/her previous travel document page showing the latest visa/entry permit label/arrival stamp/landing slip/extension of stay label in the HKSAR	✓	✓
Photocopy of the applicant's Hong Kong identity card	✓	✓
Completed form ID 990B and supporting documents listed in Part VII(B) of the "Guidebook for Entry for Employment as Professionals in Hong Kong" [ID(E) 991]	✓	✓ ^

^Applicants without change of employment are only required to provide a supporting letter from the current employer stating the applicant's position, total monthly remuneration and period of employment

Important Notice:

1. Notwithstanding that the documents and information required have been furnished, applicants and accompanying dependant(s) may still be required to submit further supporting documents (including original documents) and information in connection with the application(s) when necessary.
2. Where a document is not in Chinese or English, it must be accompanied by a Chinese or English translation certified as a true translation by a sworn translator, court translator, authorised public translator, certified translator, expert translator or official translator.
3. If the application is to be submitted online via the GovHK website, the application forms and copies of all supporting documents shall be converted into specified electronic format. For details of the technical specifications on the limitation of record size and format, please refer to the technical requirements as published on the Immigration Department's webpage at www.immd.gov.hk/en/e-services/e-submission/general-format-manner-procedure.html.



Addendum

With effect from 1 March 2017, nationals of Cambodia may apply to enter the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) for employment (as professional, imported workers and foreign domestic helpers), investment (to establish or join in business), training, study, under the Quality Migrant Admission Scheme, the Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates and the Admission Scheme for the Second Generation of Chinese Hong Kong Permanent Residents.

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Addendum to ID 939A (8/2015), ID(E) 982 (4/2015), ID(E) 983(4/2015) and ID(E) 1018 (4/2015)



Addendum

- (I) *Paragraph 62 of ID939A; and
Paragraph 2 of ID(E)998*

are amended to read as:

This entry arrangement does not apply to:

- (a) Chinese residents of the Mainland of China (the Mainland) [except for those whose sponsors have been admitted to take up employment (as professionals, for investment to establish/join in business, or for training) or studies (in full-time undergraduate or post-graduate local programmes in local degree-awarding institutions), or whose sponsors have been admitted as entrants under the Capital Investment Entrant Scheme (note: with effect from January 15, 2015, the Capital Investment Entrant Scheme has been suspended), the Quality Migrant Admission Scheme or the Admission Scheme for the Second Generation of Chinese Hong Kong Permanent Residents];
- (b) former Mainland Chinese residents residing in the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) who have obtained Macao identity cards for less than seven years, unless they have acquired residence in the Macao SAR through the One-way Permit Scheme; and
- (c) nationals of Afghanistan and Korea (Democratic People's Republic of).

- (II) *Paragraph 41 of ID(E)991;
Paragraph 10 of ID(E)993;
Paragraph 17 of ID(E)996;
Paragraph 14 of ID(E)1000; and
Paragraph 13 of ID(E)1018*

are amended to read as:

This entry arrangement does not apply to:

- (a) former Mainland Chinese residents residing in the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) who have obtained Macao identity cards for less than seven years, unless they have acquired residence in the Macao SAR through the One-way Permit Scheme; and
- (b) nationals of Afghanistan and Korea (Democratic People's Republic of).

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Addendum

With effect from 19 September 2018, a person who has entered into a same-sex civil partnership, same-sex civil union, “same-sex marriage”, opposite-sex civil partnership or opposite-sex civil union outside Hong Kong with an eligible sponsor in accordance with the local law in force of the place of celebration and with such status being legally and officially recognised by the local authorities of the place of celebration^[Note] becomes eligible to apply for a dependant visa/entry permit for entry into Hong Kong.

Note: The terms “civil partnership” and “civil union” above mean a legal institution of a nature which is akin to spousal relationship in a marriage. The same-sex civil partnership, same-sex civil union, “same-sex marriage”, opposite-sex civil partnership and opposite-sex civil union entered into in accordance with laws outside Hong Kong are limited to only relationships which are legally and officially recognised in the places of celebration. Such relationships normally have the following features: (a) the entering into and dissolution of the relationship are governed by legislation of the place where it is entered into; (b) the relationship requires registration by the competent authority specified by the legislation of the place where it is entered into; (c) the registration is evidenced in a written instrument issued by the competent authority; and (d) parties to the relationship have a mutual commitment to a shared life akin to spouses to the exclusion of others on a permanent basis. Such relationships do not include de facto spouse, partners in cohabitation, fiancé/fiancée, etc.

Apart from the above, all other original eligibility criteria and arrangements under the immigration policy on applications for entry of non-local dependants remain unchanged.

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