Admission Schemes for Talent, Professionals and Entrepreneurs
Are you an overseas national looking to work or invest in Hong Kong?

Peter Roy
Andrew Drewett
Rugby Coach Development Manager, from the United Kingdom

Hong Kong – an energetic place for sports players

"Rugby is a dynamic and enjoyable game that emphasises fairness, teamwork and leadership. By developing more interesting courses and providing high standard coaching to the players, I wish to promote this fascinating sport in Hong Kong and help the Rugby teams stand out in international competitions."

Constantin Stahlknecht
Information Technology Business Group Lead, from Germany

Hong Kong – a city where every second counts

"From providing business solutions to improving human life, the 21st century is all about information technology. Hong Kong is an energetic city offering a plethora of opportunities across multiple sectors. I know my knowledge in information technology products and solutions will help the city stay on top of the market in the modern epoch."

General Employment Policy (GEP) (for non-Mainland residents)

Professionals

- Possess special skills, knowledge or experience not readily available locally
- Good education background, technical qualifications or proven professional experience
- No sector restriction
- Job offer cannot be filled locally
- Remuneration on par with market rates
- Top-tier entrants may be granted more relaxed conditions of stay

Entrepreneurs

- Plan to establish or join in a business
- Able to make substantial contribution to the local economy

Is my investment going to make substantial contribution to the local economy?

It depends on your......

- Business plan
- Financial resources
- Business turnover
- Investment sum
- Number of jobs created locally
- Introduction of new technology or skills

Start-up Entrepreneurs

- Plan to establish or join in a start-up business supported by a government-backed programme such as -
  - InvestHK’s StartmeupHK Venture Programme
  - Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation's Incu-App, Incu-Bio and Incu-Tech programmes
  - Cyberport Incubation Programme
  - Innovation and Technology Commission’s Small Entrepreneur Research Assistance Programme (and its replacement, the new Enterprise Support Scheme)
  - Hong Kong Design Centre’s Design Incubation Programme

Want to follow their footsteps? Interested in the top-tier arrangements or investing in Hong Kong?

Find out more about GEP at:

www.immd.gov.hk/en/services/hk-visas/professional-employment/guidebook.html#general

Are you a professional from the Mainland?

Yang Yi
Investment Banking Professional, from Mainland China

Hong Kong – an international financial centre

"With conclusion of the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA), economic connection between Hong Kong and Mainland China has never been closer. My knowledge of Mainland markets and familiarity with the financial behaviour of the Chinese enable me to pursue my future in Hong Kong."

Sun Yan
Legal Counsel, from Mainland China

Hong Kong – a city of rule of law

"Hong Kong enjoys a high degree of autonomy and independent judicial power. With my legal training in the Mainland and my knowledge of the laws of Hong Kong, I am confident that I can provide bilateral legal services to my clients in both the Mainland and Hong Kong."

Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals (ASMTTP) (for Mainland residents)

Want to know how they came to work in Hong Kong or what the top-tier requirements are? Visit the ASMTTP website:

#mainland_talents

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Do you have outstanding talents or skills?

Roger Juerg Kellenberger
Industrial Designer, from Switzerland
- Red Dot Design Award 2011
- Red Dot Design Award 2009
- Pininfarina Award 2007
- Silver Award of the Third FIYTA Watch Design Competition 2007

Hong Kong – a city welcoming creativity

“As an entrepreneur and designer of high-end industrial products, design work defines large parts of my professional and private life. The prestigious international awards I received recognise my achievement and help pave the way for my development in Hong Kong: a vibrant city which welcomes creativity and innovation.”

Li Bingbing
Famous Artiste, from Mainland China
- Best Actress (“The Message”), the 46th Golden Horse Awards 2009
- Nomination for Best Actress (“The Knot”), the 26th Golden Rooster Awards 2007
- Outstanding Actress (“The Knot”), the 12th Huabiao Awards 2007

Hong Kong – a stage blending eastern and western culture

“Being an artiste with Chinese roots, I hope to let more people from around the world know about Chinese culture through my performance and films. Hong Kong is a multi-ethnical and multi-cultural cosmopolitan city that has provided me with more favourable conditions and opportunities to demonstrate the greatness of Chinese culture deposits in its people.”

Quality Migrant Admission Scheme (QMAS)

- Assessment under a points-based scheme:
  - General Points Test (GPT) for highly skilled or talented persons
  - Assessment factors: age, academic/professional qualifications, work experience, language proficiency, family background (bonus points for outstanding academic background and international work experience)
  - Achievement-based Points Test (APT) for talent with outstanding achievements
- No sector restriction
- Job offer not required upon entry
- Top-tier GPT entrants may be granted more relaxed conditions of stay; APT entrants may be granted 8 years of stay upon entry

If you would like to make Hong Kong your home as well, find out more about QMAS at:
Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates (IANG)

- Obtained an undergraduate or higher qualification in a full-time locally-accredited local programme in Hong Kong
- No sector restriction
- Job offer not required upon entry (for fresh graduates)

Know more about IANG at:
www.immd.gov.hk/en/services/hk-visas/professional-employment/guidebook.html#non_local

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

- Aged 18-40 and born overseas
- At least one parent holding valid Hong Kong permanent identity card upon application and was a Chinese national settled overseas at the time of applicant’s birth
- Good education background, technical qualifications or proven professional experience
- No sector restriction
- Job offer not required upon entry

Find out more about ASSG at:

Apply online:
Dependant and Stay Arrangements

- Successful applicants may bring in their spouse and unmarried dependent children under the age of 18 to Hong Kong. The dependants' length of stay will normally be linked to that of the sponsor and they are free to take up employment or study during their stay in Hong Kong.
- After seven years of continuous ordinary residence, entrants and their dependants may apply for the Hong Kong permanent resident status in accordance with the law.

Enquiries

For enquiries, please contact the Hong Kong Immigration Department by enquiry hotline at (852) 2824 6111, by fax at (852) 2877 7711, or by email at enquiry@immd.gov.hk.

Note: This information leaflet provides general information about different admission schemes for reference only. Applicants are subject to specific eligibility criteria and applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis.