

# QUALITY MIGRANT ADMISSION SCHEME GUIDANCE NOTES

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#### **PART I**

#### **OVERVIEW**

These Guidance Notes provide information to individuals who wish to come to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC) under the Quality Migrant Admission Scheme (the Scheme). The information set out below serves as a reference only. The Immigration Department of the Government of the HKSAR may change the rules and criteria listed below from time to time without prior notice. The most updated version of criteria under the Scheme and relevant changes will be published on the Immigration Department website <a href="https://www.immd.gov.hk">www.immd.gov.hk</a>.

#### **SCHEME OBJECTIVE**

2. The Scheme seeks to attract highly skilled or talented persons to settle in Hong Kong in order to enhance Hong Kong's economic competitiveness. Successful applicants are not required to have secured an offer of local employment before their entry to Hong Kong for settlement. All applicants are required to fulfill a set of prerequisites before they can be awarded points under one of the two points-based tests, namely the General Points Test and Achievement-based Points Test, and compete for quota allocation with other applicants. Successful applicants under the Scheme may bring their spouse or the other party to a same-sex civil partnership, same-sex civil union, "same-sex marriage", opposite-sex civil partnership or opposite-sex civil union entered into by them 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<sup>1</sup>, and unmarried dependent children under the age of 18 to Hong Kong provided that they are capable of supporting and accommodating their dependants on their own financial resources without relying on public assistance in Hong Kong.

#### SCOPE OF THE SCHEME

3. The Scheme is not applicable to nationals of Afghanistan, Cuba, Laos, Korea (Democratic People's Republic of), Nepal and Vietnam.

#### **SELECTION MECHANISM**

#### Stage 1: Prerequisites

4. All applicants under the Scheme are required to fulfill a set of prerequisites before they can be awarded points under one of the two points-based tests under the Scheme. Details of the prerequisites are listed in paragraphs 12-24.

#### Stage 2: Points-based test

5. Applicants who have met all the prerequisites may choose to be assessed either under the General Points Test or Achievement-based Points Test. There are six point-scoring factors under the General Points Test and one point-scoring factor under the Achievement-based Points Test. Please refer to paragraphs 26-54 and 55-57 respectively for details of the tests.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For the avoidance of doubt, 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.

6. A minimum passing mark is set under the General Points Test. Persons who choose the General Points Test are advised to assess whether their credentials are adequate to meet the minimum passing mark before submitting an application.

#### Stage 3: Selection exercise

During each selection exercises will be done on a regular basis for quota allocation to applicants. During each selection exercise, applicants who satisfy both the prerequisites and the minimum passing mark (under the General Points Test) or the one point-scoring factor (under the Achievement-based Points Test) will be ranked according to scores awarded. High scoring applications will be short-listed for further assessment. The Director of Immigration may seek advice from the Advisory Committee on Admission of Quality Migrants and Professionals (the Advisory Committee) on the assessment, point-scoring and allocation of quota under the Scheme. The Advisory Committee comprises official and non-official members appointed by the Chief Executive of the HKSAR. The Advisory Committee will consider the socio-economic needs of Hong Kong, the sectoral mix of candidates and other relevant factors, and recommend to the Director of Immigration how best to allocate quota in each selection exercise. Meeting the minimum passing mark or high-scoring applications do not necessarily secure quota allotment. As it takes time to process applications, applicants may regard their applications as being under processing unless they receive a notification of refusal from the Immigration Department.

#### Stage 4: Issue of visa/entry permit

8. Successful applicants will be issued with a visa/entry permit (in the form of "e-Visa") under the Scheme for staying in Hong Kong.

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

- 9. Applicants should complete Application Form ID(C) 981 (Chinese version) or ID(E) 981 (English version), which can be obtained from the following offices:
  - (i) Immigration Department Headquarters;
  - (ii) Immigration Branch Offices;
  - (iii) Overseas Chinese Diplomatic and Consular Missions; and
  - (iv) HKSAR Government offices outside Hong Kong.

The forms can also be downloaded from the following websites: <a href="https://www.immd.gov.hk/eng/forms/forms/id-c-981.html">www.immd.gov.hk/eng/forms/forms/id-c-981.html</a> (Chinese version) or <a href="https://www.immd.gov.hk/eng/forms/forms/id-e-981.html">www.immd.gov.hk/eng/forms/forms/id-e-981.html</a> (English version).

10. Application forms and all supporting documents should be submitted by post or in person to:

Quality Migrants and Mainland Residents Section Immigration Department 6/F, Immigration Tower, 7 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

11. Applicants can also submit the application through the Immigration Department website at <a href="https://www.immd.gov.hk">www.immd.gov.hk</a>.

#### **PREREQUISITES**

12. All applicants must satisfy all of the following prerequisites listed in paragraphs 13-24.

#### Age

- 13. The applicant must be aged 18 or above when lodging an application under the Scheme.
- 14. To support the claim, the applicant should submit his/her proof of identity, such as a valid travel document.

#### Financial requirement

- 15. The applicant must be able to demonstrate that he/she is capable of supporting and accommodating himself/herself and his/her dependants, if any, on his/her own financial resources without relying on public assistance during his/her stay in Hong Kong.
- 16. The applicant has to demonstrate that his/her personal net worth is sufficient to support and to accommodate himself/herself and his/her dependants, if any, throughout his/her initial 12-month stay in Hong Kong.
- 17. Four major types of assets are generally acceptable as proofs of assets: bank deposits, real estate, securities and interests in privately-owned businesses.
- 18. The following are examples of acceptable supporting documents of an applicant's personal net worth:
  - (i) bank certificate of account balance/bank statement showing the latest bank deposit balance;
  - (ii) passbook showing name of bank, account holder name, account number and the latest account balance;
  - (iii) current market value of real estate less the amount of outstanding mortgage, if any. Ownership of real estate may be supported by a sales and purchase agreement and a deed or a statutory document issued by a relevant authority within one month before application submission. The current market value of the real estate must be supported by a valuation report issued within two years of application submission by a qualified valuer. The latest amount of outstanding mortgage, if any, may be supported by a mortgage repayment schedule issued by a financial institution;
  - (iv) statement issued by a registered financial intermediary showing the latest position on the types, quantities held and current market value of investment items such as publicly traded shares, debt securities and investment funds;
  - (v) the latest audited financial statements of a business and respective documents showing business registration status and the percentage of shareholding of the applicant; or
  - (vi) statement issued by a financial institution or a creditor showing the latest outstanding amount of personal debt.

#### Good character

- 19. The applicant should not have any criminal record or adverse immigration record in Hong Kong or elsewhere.
- 20. The applicant must set out his/her past criminal record and adverse immigration record (if any) in section 3.3 of the application form [ID(C) 981 (Chinese version) or ID(E) 981 (English version)].

#### Language proficiency

21. The applicant should be proficient in written and spoken Chinese (Putonghua or Cantonese) or English. Please refer to paragraphs 46-48 for details of evidence requirement relating to language proficiency.

#### Basic academic qualifications

- 22. The applicant must have a good education background, normally a first degree from a recognized university or a tertiary education institution. In special circumstances, good technical qualifications, proven professional abilities and/or experience and achievements supported by documentary evidence may be considered.
- 23. Please refer to paragraphs 32-34 for documentary proof in respect of applicants who are degree holders or holders of professional qualifications. Applicants who are non-degree holders or without professional qualifications should submit documentary proof on professional abilities and/or experience and achievements claimed.
- 24. If the applicant fails to provide satisfactory supporting documents showing that he/she meets all the above prerequisites, his/her application will not be processed further and will be refused immediately.

#### POINTS-BASED TESTS

25. Applicants who meet all the prerequisites may choose to be assessed further either under the General Points Test or Achievement-based Points Test. Each applicant may only submit one application and be assessed under one test at a time.

#### **General Points Test (Maximum 245 points)**

26. Details of the six point-scoring factors of the General Points Test are listed below:

#### Factor 1: Age (Maximum 30 points)

27. An applicant may score the following points according to his/her age when lodging an application under the Scheme.

Age	18-39	40-44	45-50	51 or above
Points	30	20	15	0

#### Factor 2: Academic/Professional Qualifications (Maximum 70 points)

An applicant may score the following points according to his/her academic or professional qualifications:

Doctoral degree/Two or more master's degrees	40
Master's degree/Two or more bachelor's degrees	20
Bachelor's degree/Professional qualification	10

Additional points if a degree at bachelor level or higher is awarded by a	30
renowned institution recognized internationally	30

- 29. The level of academic qualifications claimed must be equivalent to the recognized Hong Kong standard of bachelor's, master's or doctoral degrees in order to be awarded the respective points. The Immigration Department may request an applicant to have his/her academic qualifications assessed by the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications at the applicant's own expense where necessary. For the avoidance of doubt, no point will be awarded to all honourary bachelor's/honourary master's/honourary doctoral degrees and degrees not awarded by nationally accredited/licensed institutions.
- 30. To score points on the basis of a professional qualification, an applicant must prove that the qualification is awarded by a nationally or internationally recognized/acclaimed professional body which demonstrates that the holder has a very high level of technical expertise or skill.
- As for the additional points awarded to holders of a degree at bachelor level or higher obtained from a renowned institution recognized internationally, the institution concerned should be ranked among the top 100 universities/institutions in any of the four world university ranking tables published by QS<sup>2</sup>, Shanghai Jiao Tong University<sup>3</sup>, Times Higher Education<sup>4</sup> and US News and World Report<sup>5</sup>, or among the top 30 colleges in the National Liberal Arts Colleges Rankings published by the US News and World Report<sup>6</sup>. Advice may also be sought from relevant experts or professional bodies on qualifications awarded by other sector-specific renowned institutions which may not be included in these ranking lists.
- 32. For each academic qualification not awarded by higher education institutions in Mainland China, the applicant should submit:
  - (i) a graduation certificate from the higher education institution concerned; and
  - (ii) a copy of transcript of academic record.
- For each academic qualification awarded by higher education institutions in Mainland 33. China, the applicant should submit:
  - (i) a graduation certificate from the higher education institution concerned; and
  - (ii) a verification report issued by Center for Student Services and Development.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> www.topuniversities.com/qs-world-university-rankings

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> www.shanghairanking.com

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/world-university-rankings

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> www.usnews.com/education/best-global-universities/rankings

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> www.usnews.com/best-colleges/rankings/national-liberal-arts-colleges

- 34. For each professional qualification, the applicant should submit:
  - (i) a qualification certificate issued by the relevant authority or institution; and
  - (ii) information on the qualification, including name and contact details [full address (P.O.box is not acceptable), telephone number, fax number, email address and website (if any)] of the issuing authority, whether the qualification is a statutory requirement for practising, degree of recognition, and entry, examination and training requirements of the qualification.

#### Factor 3: Work Experience (Maximum 75 points)

35. An applicant may score the following points according to his/her work experience:

Not less than 10 years' graduate or specialist level work experience, including at least 5 years in a senior role	40
Not less than 5 years' graduate or specialist level work experience, including at least 2 years in a senior role	30
Not less than 5 years' graduate or specialist level work experience	15
Not less than 2 years' graduate or specialist level work experience	5
Additional points for not less than 2 years' graduate or specialist level work experience with international exposure	15
Additional points for not less than 3 years' graduate or specialist level work experience in multi-national companies (MNCs) or reputable enterprises, such as listed companies or companies on the lists of The Global 2000 by Forbes, the Fortune Global 500 and the Hurun China 500	20

- 36. Graduate level work experience would normally be a role within an organization which requires the job holder to be someone with a minimum of bachelor's degree education level. To score points in this category, the applicant does not necessarily have to be a degree holder, but rather the position that he/she had held requires so.
- 37. Senior level work experience would normally be a role that is responsible for the overall performance of an organization. In a small company, it would be a role at the board of directors' level. In a larger company or organization, it would be a department head or leader of a project team. In this context, a designation such as "Manager", "Vice President" or "Head of Department" is not sufficient proof of seniority in an organization. Rather, the applicant should provide further evidence such as an organization chart in order to demonstrate the level of seniority and the total number of staff in the organization.
- 38. Specialist level work experience would normally be a role that requires a very high level of technical expertise or skill.
- 39. To score additional points on the basis of having not less than two years' work experience with international exposure, the international work experience concerned refers to graduate or specialist level work experience outside the applicant's home country/territory.
- 40. Points will only be awarded if the applicant can provide supporting documents to satisfy the Immigration Department that the position(s), including self-employment positions, was/were at the appropriate level. Moreover, the supporting documents should demonstrate that the applicant has worked in the position(s) on a full-time basis for the length of time required.

41. Supporting documents to demonstrate relevant work experience may include:

#### For employment with each employer

An employer's reference on company letterhead paper, signed by an authorized person and endorsed with a company chop, showing:

- (i) name and contact details of the employer;
- (ii) the start and end dates of each position the applicant held during his/her employment with the company;
- (iii) job titles; and
- (iv) detailed description of duties and responsibilities for each position held.

### For each business wholly/partly owned by the applicant

- (i) official company registration documents supporting the length of time the applicant was involved in the business and his/her capacity in the business. This may include two sets of company registration documents, with one set showing the ownership condition at the time the applicant established/joined the business and another set showing the latest ownership condition or the ownership condition at the time the applicant left or ended the business;
- (ii) audited financial statements demonstrating financial position, or tax returns and respective tax demand notes of the business, showing the latest financial condition or the financial condition at the time the applicant left or terminated the business:
- (iii) an organization chart, company publications or payroll details showing the latest number of staff employed or the number of staff employed at the time the applicant left or terminated the business; and
- (iv) evidence of the applicant's role within the business, such as agreements signed by the applicant on behalf of the business.

#### For each self-employment experience

- (i) a contract signed with a client showing start and end dates of services provided and details of the services; and
- (ii) a reference letter from the client on company letterhead paper, signed by an authorized person and endorsed with a company chop. The reference letter should include information such as contact details of the client, the length of time the applicant had worked for the client and the nature and duties of the work.

## Factor 4: Talent List (Maximum 30 points)

42. An applicant may score the following points according to his/her qualification and work experience:

Additional points if meeting the specifications of the respective profession under the Talent List	30
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> For the detailed specifications of respective profession under the Talent List (including qualifications / work experience required and achievements), please refer to the website: www.talentlist.gov.hk

43. To score additional points on the basis of the factors on the Talent List, an applicant must provide supporting documents to satisfy the HKSAR Government that he/she has met the specifications of the respective profession under the Talent List of Hong Kong. As and when necessary, applicants' relevant information may also be passed to relevant government bureaux/departments/professional bodies for advice on the assessment of whether the additional points are to be scored.

Factor 5: Language Proficiency (Maximum 20 points)

44. An applicant may score the following points according to his/her language proficiency:

Being proficient both in written and spoken Chinese	20
(Putonghua or Cantonese) and English	
Being proficient in at least one foreign language	
(written and spoken) in addition to written and	15
spoken Chinese (Putonghua or Cantonese) or English	
Being proficient in written and spoken Chinese	10
(Putonghua or Cantonese) or English	10

- 45. For the purpose of the Scheme, a foreign language is a language other than Chinese or English. The language should be one that is recognized by a country/territory as its official language or the equivalent.
- 46. For the assessment of language proficiency in Chinese or English, the applicant will be required to provide documentary proof(s) listed in paragraph 47(i) unless his/her first spoken language is Chinese (Putonghua/Cantonese) or English and he/she is a national/citizen from a country/territory where Chinese (Putonghua/Cantonese) or English is an official language or the equivalent. As for language proficiency in a foreign language, the applicant will be required to provide evidence of proficiency as listed in paragraph 47(ii).
- 47. Supporting documents for language proficiency are:

# (i) Evidence of proficiency in Chinese and/or English includes one of the following:

(a) Result of a recognized language test:

For Chinese language, the applicant is required to have a pass in Putonghua Shuiping Ceshi (PSC) supervised by the Institute of Applied Linguistic of the Ministry of Education of the PRC; or to achieve a minimum score of level 3 in the Chinese Proficiency Test [also known as Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi (HSK)] supervised by the State Committee for the Chinese Proficiency Test of the Ministry of Education of the PRC. For English, an overall score of not less than 6.0 in the academic or general training module of the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test is required. Another recognized English language test is the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). The acceptable minimum score is 550 for the paper-based test, 213 for the computer-based test and 80 for the internet-based test. To support his/her claim, an applicant should provide his/her examination result certificate and the examination must be taken within two years before the lodging of an application.

#### (b) A written explanation supported with evidence:

The applicant will need to submit a written explanation detailing his/her training in, and use of, Chinese and/or English. Any statements made in his/her written explanation should be properly supported by documents such as a certified university transcript of academic record, a letter issued by a university showing the medium of instruction as Chinese or English, or any other document which would satisfy the Immigration Department that the applicant is proficient in Chinese and/or English.

#### (ii) Evidence of proficiency in a foreign language:

In general, an applicant will be considered as being proficient in a foreign language if he/she could provide supporting documents demonstrating that he/she could meet the language requirement for entry to an undergraduate program of a recognized university with that foreign language as the medium of instruction. Evidence of proficiency in a foreign language includes a written explanation from the applicant detailing his/her training in, and use of, the foreign language. Any statements made in his/her written explanation should be properly supported by documents such as an examination result certificate of a language test, or any other document which would satisfy the Immigration Department that the applicant is proficient in that foreign language.

48. In any case, notwithstanding the provision of evidence described in paragraphs 46-47, the Immigration Department may require the applicant to take a recognized language test or other language test designated by the Immigration Department at the applicant's own expense if evidence provided by the applicant fails to satisfy the Immigration Department that he/she is proficient in Chinese/English/a foreign language.

#### Factor 6: Family Background (Maximum 20 points)

49. An applicant may score the following points according to his/her family background:

At least one immediate family member (married spouse, parents, siblings, children) is a Hong Kong permanent resident residing in Hong Kong <sup>8</sup>	5
Accompanying married spouse is educated to the equivalent level of a degree or above <sup>8</sup>	5
5 points for each accompanying unmarried dependent child under the age of 18, maximum 10 points	5 or 10

- 50. If an applicant wishes to score points for having an immediate family member who is a Hong Kong permanent resident, the family member concerned must be residing in Hong Kong. The applicant should provide the following supporting documents:
  - (i) Hong Kong permanent identity card of that family member;
  - (ii) proof of relationship with the Hong Kong permanent resident family member such as a marriage certificate, birth certificate and legal paper on adoption or custodial rights; and

<sup>8</sup> The relevant arrangement for scoring points is also applicable to the other party to a same-sex civil partnership, same-sex civil union, "same-sex marriage", opposite-sex civil partnership or opposite-sex civil union entered into by them 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 (see Footnote 1).

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- (iii) residential proof of the Hong Kong permanent resident family member in Hong Kong, such as a utility bill or residential rental payment receipt issued within one month from the date of application submission.
- 51. If an applicant wishes to score points on the education level of his/her accompanying married spouse, the applicant should provide the spouse's graduation document as well as a completed dependant visa/entry permit application form together with the requisite supporting documents. The level of academic qualifications claimed must be equivalent to the recognized Hong Kong standard of bachelor's, master's or doctoral degrees in order to be awarded points. The Immigration Department may request an applicant to have his/her spouse's academic qualifications assessed by the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications at the applicant's own expense where necessary. For the avoidance of doubt, no point will be awarded to all honourary bachelor's/honourary master's/honourary doctoral degrees and degrees not awarded by nationally accredited/licensed institutions. Please refer to paragraphs 32-33 for documentary proof in respect of the spouse's education level. Please also refer to paragraphs 70-72 for information on dependant visa/entry permit applications.
- 52. To score points on an accompanying unmarried dependent child under 18 years of age, an applicant should submit a dependent visa/entry permit application for the child and necessary supporting documents together with his/her application.
- 53. For the avoidance of doubt, a married spouse, parents, siblings and children mentioned in paragraphs 49-52 should be interpreted as follows:
  - (i) a married spouse should be a spouse under a valid marriage recognized by the Laws of Hong Kong;
  - (ii) parents mean natural parents, stepparents and adoptive parents recognized by law;
  - (iii) siblings mean natural siblings, stepsiblings and adoptive siblings recognized by law:
  - (iv) children mean legitimate children, legitimated children, illegitimate children, stepchildren and adopted children recognized by law.

#### Minimum passing mark

54. A minimum passing mark is set under the General Points Test. Interested parties are advised to assess whether their credentials are adequate to meet the minimum passing mark before submitting an application. The minimum passing mark is subject to change from time to time without prior notice. Please visit the Immigration Department website <a href="https://www.immd.gov.hk">www.immd.gov.hk</a> for the prevailing minimum passing mark.

#### **Achievement-based Points Test (0 or 245 points)**

- 55. The Scheme also caters for the entry of individuals with exceptional talents or skills who have outstanding achievements. They may choose to be assessed under a separate Achievement-based Points Test. Requirements under this test are very high. Those who are considered to have met one of the criteria under this test listed in paragraph 56 will be awarded 245 points; otherwise, no point will be awarded. Applications which fail to score points under this test will be refused immediately.
- 56. Points may be awarded under this test if:
  - (i) the applicant has received an award of exceptional achievement (e.g. Olympic medals, Nobel prize, national/international awards); or

- (ii) the applicant can show that his/her work has been acknowledged by his/her peers or has contributed significantly to the development of his/her field (e.g. lifetime achievement award from industry).
- 57. Proof(s) of achievement may include the following evidence:
  - (i) published work;
  - (ii) press article;
  - (iii) scholarship/research award certificate. Please also provide details of the award including selection criteria of the award, profile and contact details of the awarding authority;
  - (iv) international award/honour certificate. Please also provide details of the award/honour including selection criteria of the award/honour, profile and contact details of the awarding authority;
  - (v) proof of ownership of intellectual property rights, e.g. copyright, trademark or patent etc., if applicable; or
  - (vi) reference letter from peers of the relevant industry or sector on company letterhead paper, signed by an authorized person, endorsed with a company chop and with contact details, stating the achievement of the applicant in the relevant industry or sector.

#### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AND EVIDENCE

- 58. Assessment under the Scheme is based on information provided in the application form. Should an applicant wish to be assessed on the basis of fresh material information, or circumstances which arise after submission of the application, he/she is required to submit a fresh application. His/her previous/pending application will then be treated as being withdrawn.
- 59. All applicants should read through those paragraphs concerning documentary requirements in support of an application as set out in these Guidance Notes. A checklist of documents is available in Part III. Notwithstanding that an applicant has furnished all necessary documents and information set out in these Guidance Notes in support of the application, he/she may still be required to submit further supporting documents and information in connection with the application if required by the Immigration Department. Submitting insufficient, irrelevant or unsatisfactory evidence would delay the processing of an application. Unless otherwise specified, applicants are only required to submit copies of the required documents when making an application. Notwithstanding that the applicants have already furnished all necessary copies of documents and information stated in the Guidance Notes, they may still be required to submit originals of supporting documents and information in connection with their applications, upon request.
- 60. 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, authorized public translator, certified translator, expert translator or official translator.

#### **ENTRY ARRANGEMENT**

61. Applicants who are allotted a quota in the selection exercise will be informed in writing. An applicant who is a resident in the Mainland of China, including those who are currently residing in Hong Kong or Macao on a temporary basis, must submit a letter of consent from his/her present working unit or relevant Mainland authorities where his/her records are kept, agreeing to release him/her to reside in Hong Kong.

- 62. An applicant must fully satisfy the Immigration Department that all statements made or information provided during the application are true and complete before an approval could be granted.
- 63. After approval is granted, the applicant and his/her dependants, if any, will be issued with a visa/entry permit (in the form of "e-Visa") for staying in Hong Kong under the Scheme.
- 64. A Hong Kong resident who has previously entered Hong Kong pursuant to any immigration policy or scheme (including, but not limited to, the General Employment Policy and the Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals) and is subject to a condition/conditions of stay in Hong Kong may only apply under the Scheme on the condition that his/her application will be assessed on the basis that the applicant, his/her spouse or the other party to a same-sex civil partnership, same-sex civil union, "same-sex marriage", opposite-sex civil partnership or opposite-sex civil union entered into by him/her 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 (see Footnote 1), and dependent children (if any), are regarded as fresh entrants not having the right to enter and remain in Hong Kong. Upon approval, the applicant will be issued with a visa/entry permit (in the form of "e-Visa") under the Scheme.
- 65. A Chinese resident of the Mainland of China, including those who are currently residing in Hong Kong or Macao on a temporary basis, is required to obtain an Exit/entry Permit for Travelling to and from Hong Kong and Macao (EEP) and a relevant exit endorsement before coming to Hong Kong for residence under the Scheme if his/her application is approved.
- 66. An overseas Chinese national holding a PRC passport who submits an application from overseas and who has obtained overseas permanent residence or who has been residing overseas for at least one year immediately before submission of the application ("overseas" means places outside the Mainland, the HKSAR, the Macao SAR and Taiwan) may apply to come to Hong Kong for residence under the Scheme on strength of his/her valid PRC passport. The EEP and relevant exit endorsement mentioned in paragraph 65 above are not required for the purpose of entering Hong Kong under the Scheme in respect of the above mentioned overseas Chinese national.
- 67. Upon immigration arrival clearance in Hong Kong, an "e-Visa" holder should present his/her valid travel document and the "e-Visa" saved on a personal mobile device or printed on a sheet of A4 white paper, and scan the encrypted QR code on the "e-Visa" with the optical reader at an immigration counter.

#### **FEE**

68. No application fee is chargeable upon application submission. Please refer to items 2, 7 and 4 of the fee leaflet (ID 912) for the corresponding prescribed fee for the issue of a visa, entry permit, or extension of stay under the Scheme.

#### APPLICATION PROCESSING

69.

Application Acknowledgement	An acknowledgement will be sent to the applicant after receipt of the application
Selection Exercise	Regular basis
Issuing Visa/Entry permit (in the form of "e-Visa")	Successful applicants will be notified in writing. The notification of the application result issued by the Immigration Department will include a webpage link for payment. Payment of relevant fees could be made through the said webpage link or the GovHK website or the ImmD Mobile Application by credit cards, Payment by Phone Service (PPS) or Faster Payment System (FPS). After payment, applicants could instantly download or print the "e-Visa" by themselves.

#### **ENTRY OF DEPENDANTS**

- 70. Applicants under the Scheme may apply to bring in their spouse or the other party to a same-sex civil partnership, same-sex civil union, "same-sex marriage", opposite-sex civil partnership or opposite-sex civil union entered into by them 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 (see Footnote 1), and unmarried dependent children under the age of 18 to Hong Kong under the prevailing dependant policy. Persons admitted or applying for admission under the Scheme will be the sponsor of his/her accompanying dependants to Hong Kong. The limit of stay of such dependants will normally be linked to that of their sponsors.
- 71. Applicants under the Scheme are advised to submit dependant visa/entry permit applications for all accompanying family members together with their entry applications. If an applicant is claiming points on the basis of the education level of the accompanying married spouse and/or the number of accompanying unmarried dependent children under the age of 18 under the General Points Test, he/she must submit dependant visa/entry permit applications for the accompanying family members concerned together with his/her application under the Scheme.
- 72. Please refer to the "Guidebook for Entry for Residence as Dependants in Hong Kong" ID(C) 998 (Chinese version) or ID(E) 998 (English version) for details of supporting documents required for dependant visa/entry permit applications. Applicants of a dependant visa/entry permit should complete Application Form ID 997, which can be obtained from the offices listed in paragraph 9 above. All dependant application forms and all supporting documents should be submitted by post or in person to the address listed in paragraph 10 above. Application methods of dependant visa/entry permit application can be referred to paragraph 10 and 11 above. No application fee is required on making a dependant visa/entry permit application. Please refer to items 2, 7 and 4 of the fee leaflet (ID 912) for the corresponding prescribed fee for the issuance of a visa, entry permit, or extension of stay for dependants.

#### **EXTENSION OF STAY APPLICATIONS**

73. Persons and their dependants admitted under the Scheme are subject to a limit of stay during their stay in Hong Kong until they acquire permanent resident status under Hong Kong laws. They are required to apply for extension of stay within four weeks before their limit of stay expires if they intend to continue their residence in Hong Kong. Applications for extension of stay, together with supporting documents, should be submitted to the address listed in paragraph 10 above. Applicants can also submit the application through the Immigration Department website at <a href="https://www.immd.gov.hk">www.immd.gov.hk</a>.

#### For persons admitted through the General Points Test under the Scheme

- 74. Persons admitted through the General Points Test under the Scheme will normally be granted an initial stay of 36 months on time limitation only without other conditions of stay upon entry. To obtain an extension of stay at the end of the first 36 months period, a person admitted through the General Points Test under the Scheme is required to provide evidence demonstrating to the satisfaction of the Immigration Department that he/she has taken steps to settle in Hong Kong by taking up residence here, e.g. by securing gainful employment or establishing a business. To be eligible for further extension of stay, a person admitted through General Points Test under the Scheme is required to provide evidence demonstrating to the satisfaction of the Immigration Department that:
  - (i) he/she has settled in Hong Kong; and
  - (ii) he/she has made contribution to Hong Kong, such as engaging in graduate, specialist or senior level gainful employment or establishing a business of a reasonable size in Hong Kong.

Extensions of stay, if approved, will normally follow the 3 years + 2 years pattern on time limitation only without other conditions of stay.

- 75. For those in gainful employment, supporting documents for application of extension of stay may include:
  - (i) an employment contract;
  - (ii) the most recent payroll advice;
  - (iii) the most recent bank credit advice or bank statement showing the latest payroll transaction; and
  - (iv) a detailed job description issued by the employer on company letterhead paper, signed by an authorized person and endorsed with a company chop.
- 76. For those who have established a business in Hong Kong, evidence on company information and operating condition should include the following where applicable:
  - (i) Business Registration Certificate;
  - (ii) for local limited companies, Certificate of Incorporation and relevant returns to the Companies Registry showing the latest shareholding condition and particulars of directors and shareholders;
  - (iii) for overseas companies, Certificate of Registration and relevant registers showing the latest shareholding condition and particulars of directors and shareholders;
  - (iv) for sole proprietorship or partnership, Certified Extracts of Information on the Business Register;
  - (v) the latest audited financial statements;
  - (vi) if (v) above is not available, the latest management accounts supported by bank statements and other business transaction proofs such as customer agreements and shipping documents;
  - (vii) office tenancy agreement;

- (viii) the latest staff list supported by Mandatory Provident Fund contribution proof;
- (ix) company profile: date of commencement of business, details of business activities, mode of operation, major suppliers and markets, etc.;
- (x) job description of the applicant;
- (xi) remuneration package of the applicant with proof, such as bank statements showing the latest payroll transaction;
- (xii) actual monetary investment of the applicant in the company with proof; and
- (xiii) a business plan on future expansion.
- 77. If a person admitted through the General Points Test under the Scheme has been permitted to remain in Hong Kong for not less than two years and he/she has an assessable income for salaries tax of not less than HK\$2 million in the previous year of assessment, an extension of stay on time limitation only without other conditions of stay for a period of five years may normally be granted. The applicant is required to provide documentary proof of the income level, e.g. notice of salaries tax assessment of the previous assessment year issued by the Inland Revenue Department or relevant tax documents.

#### For persons admitted through the Achievement-based Points Test under the Scheme

- 78. Persons admitted through the Achievement-based Points Test under the Scheme will normally be granted a stay of eight years on time limitation only without other conditions of stay upon entry. Should an extension of stay be required, the applicant shall demonstrate that he/she is capable of supporting and accommodating himself/herself and his/her dependants, if any, on his/her own financial resources during his/her stay in Hong Kong.
- 79. Upon completion of a continuous period of ordinary residence in Hong Kong for not less than seven years, the admitted person and/or his/her dependants under the Scheme may apply for the right of abode in Hong Kong in accordance with the law. For more information about the right of abode, please refer to the booklet "Right of Abode in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region", contact the Immigration Enquiries 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.

#### WARNING

80. Any 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 under or for the purpose of the Scheme shall be guilty of an offence under the Laws of Hong Kong and is liable to prosecution and subsequent removal from Hong Kong. His/her application may be refused, and any visa/entry permit/extension of stay so granted or issued to him/her and his/her dependants and any conditions of stay so imposed on him/her and his/her dependants may become null and void.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

81. The Director of Immigration has absolute discretion to award points under the two points-based tests to applicants as the Director thinks fit and to approve or refuse any application without giving any reason. The Scheme or details of the Scheme may also be subject to change as the Director thinks fit without prior notice. Please refer to the Immigration Department's website at <a href="https://www.immd.gov.hk">www.immd.gov.hk</a> for up-to-date information.

#### PERSONAL DATA PRIVACY

#### Purpose of Collection

- 82. The personal data provided throughout the application procedure will be used by the Immigration Department for one or more of the following purposes:
  - (i) to process the relevant application;
  - (ii) to administer/enforce relevant provisions of the Immigration Ordinance (Chapter 115) and Immigration Service Ordinance (Chapter 331), and to assist in the enforcement of any other Ordinances and Regulations by other government departments through carrying out immigration control duties;
  - (iii) in connection with any other person's applications for immigration facilities in which the applicant is named as a sponsor or referee;
  - (iv) for research and statistical purposes; and
  - (v) any other legitimate purposes.
- 83. The provision of personal data during the application process is voluntary. If an applicant does not provide sufficient information, the Immigration Department may not be able to process the application.

#### Classes of Transferees

84. The personal data an applicant provides may be disclosed to government bureaux, departments and other organizations for the purposes mentioned in paragraph 82.

#### Access to Personal Data

- 85. An applicant has a right to request access to and correction of his/her personal data as provided for in Sections 18 and 22 and Principle 6 of Schedule 1 of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Chapter 486). An applicant's right of access includes the right to obtain a copy of his/her personal data provided in the application form subject to payment of a fee.
- 86. Enquiries concerning personal data collected during the application, including requesting access and making corrections, should be addressed to:

Chief Immigration Officer

Quality Migrants and Mainland Residents Section

Immigration Department

6/F, Immigration Tower,

7 Gloucester Road,

Wan Chai, Hong Kong

Tel.: (852) 2294 2050

#### **ENQUIRIES**

87. For more information about the Scheme, please contact the Quality Migrants and Mainland Residents Section of the Immigration Department by phone at (852)2829 3383 or the Immigration Department by enquiry hotline at (852)2824 6111, by fax at (852)2877 7711, by email to <a href="mailto:enquiry@immd.gov.hk">enquiry@immd.gov.hk</a>, or visit the Immigration Department website at <a href="mailto:www.immd.gov.hk">www.immd.gov.hk</a>.

#### **PART II**

#### COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM

#### 88. Important points to note

- (i) Before completing the application form, the applicant ("you") must read all parts of these Guidance Notes carefully.
- (ii) Please fill in all relevant sections of the application form in BLOCK LETTERS (using black or blue pen), most preferably in printed or typed format.
- (iii) You must sign on each separate page of the application form.
- (iv) Sections mentioned in this part correspond to respective sections in the application form [ID(C) 981 (Chinese version) or ID(E) 981 (English version)] unless otherwise specified.

#### 89. Prerequisites

- 89.1 <u>Section 3.2 Financial requirement</u>
- 89.1.1 You are not required to fill in details of all of your personal net worth in this section. Rather, you may only fill in an amount of personal net worth which is sufficient to support and accommodate yourself and your accompanying dependent family members during your initial 12-month stay in Hong Kong. In section 13(g) of the application form, you will need to declare that your personal net worth is not less than the amount stated in section 3.23.
- 89.1.2 For the sake of simplicity, any foreign currency exchange rates to be used for application purpose are the exchange rates on the date you fill in the application form. Please state on the supporting documents any exchange rates applied by you when converting the amount of foreign currency asset items into Hong Kong dollars.

#### 89.2 <u>Section 3.21 – Assets</u>

- 89.2.1 In the "Description" column, please fill in the nature of your personal assets, such as bank deposits, securities, real estate or the name(s) of your privately-owned enterprise(s).
- 89.2.2 The amount you should put in the "Amount (HKD)" column is the latest available balance printed on statements/passbooks, and should be denominated in Hong Kong dollars.
- 89.2.3 If you put Real Estate in the "Description" column, you should put your share of the current market value of the property denominated in Hong Kong dollars in the "Amount (HKD)" column.
- 89.2.4 If you want to use securities as proof of your financial strength, you should sum up the total current market value of your securities denominated in Hong Kong dollars in the "Amount (HKD)" column. The current market value should be the price of the securities as reflected on the latest statements issued by a registered financial intermediary.
- 89.2.5 If you are the owner of a privately-owned business, you should fill in the name of the business in the "Description" column and your share of net assets value in that business denominated in Hong Kong dollars in the "Amount (HKD)" column. The amount of net

assets value should be supported by the latest audited financial statements of the business.

#### 89.3 Section 3.22 - Liabilities

In case you have outstanding mortgages or other liabilities that substantially reduce the value of your personal assets, you should state the nature of the liabilities in the "Description" column and the latest outstanding amount denominated in Hong Kong dollars in the "Amount (HKD)" column.

#### 90. Points-based Tests

#### 90.1 General Points Test (For General Points Test Applicants Only)

#### 90.1.1 <u>Section 5 – General Points Test</u>

You are required to complete this part on the basis of your own circumstances. Please put "0" in the "Points Claimed" box if you are not claiming any point in an area. Your points claimed in this section should correspond to the details of your academic/professional qualifications, work experience and language proficiency stated in sections 7, 8 and 11 of the application form.

#### 90.1.2 Box L – Total points claimed

Sum up points claimed in boxes A to K and state the total points claimed in Box L.

# 90.2 Achievement-based Points Test (For Achievement-based Points Test Applicants Only)

#### 90.2.1 Section 6 – Summary of achievements

Applicants under the Achievement-based Points Test are required to summarize in not more than 500 words their achievements in or contributions to their fields. Please do not write on any separate sheet. Your summary may include the following information:

- (i) the field you belong to;
- (ii) nature of your achievements in or contributions to your field, e.g. a recognized artistic/technical achievement, a project that led to a breakthrough in your field or a commercially successful invention;
- (iii) detailed proof of your achievements or contributions. If it is an award, it should include the name of the awarding body, degree of recognition of the awarding body (whether the award was an industrial, national or international award), the number of candidates of the award, etc. If it is a patent, it should include patent registration details and information on how commercially successful your invention was; and
- (iv) impact of your achievements or contributions to your field.

#### 90.2.2 Sections 6.2 – Achievement proofs submitted

Tick the proof(s) submitted by you in this section. If you tick "Others", please specify the nature of your proof.

#### 91. Academic/Professional Attainment

#### Section 7 – Academic/professional attainment

91.1 State all of your higher academic/professional attainment or membership in chronological order in this section, which may include all of your education, professional training or membership at the college and university level. Do not provide information on academic or professional attainment that is not at the college or university level. A professional training or membership can be recognized as being at the college or university level if its entry requirement is college completion/a

bachelor's degree. If you are the holder of a professional qualification awarded by a nationally or internationally recognized/acclaimed professional body which demonstrates that you have a very high level of technical expertise or skill, you may also state the qualification here.

- In the "Degree/Qualification" column, write down the qualification attained, such as "Master of Business Administration" or "Chartered Accountant" in the upper part. In the brackets below, state the major, such as "Accounting". State "N/A" if a major is not applicable regarding your qualification attained.
- 91.3 Write the full name of the awarding institution in the "Awarding Institution" column. In the bracket below, state whether the qualification was completed full-time, part-time or by distance learning.
- 91.4. Write the location of the awarding institution in the "City/Province/Country" column, such as "Beijing, China". In the brackets below, indicate your period of study in the "Period of Study (Fr./To)/Year Obtained" column, such as "Sep 90/May 94". For professional qualifications/memberships, write down the year the qualification was obtained, such as "2002".
- Please tick as appropriate the boxes provided in the column of "Please tick if it has met the specifications of the respective profession under the Talent List", i.e. your respective academic/professional attainment has contributed to meet the specifications of the respective profession under the Talent List.
- 91.6 You have to provide documentary proof on any higher academic/professional attainment listed in section 7. For details of proof requirement on academic/professional qualifications, please refer to paragraphs 32-34 of these Guidance Notes. Proof of professional training/membership should include training/membership certificates and details concerning the training/membership. The details may include the name and contact details of the organizer/awarding institution, whether the training/membership is a statutory requirement for practising, degree of recognition, and the entry, examination and training requirements of the training/membership where applicable.

#### 92. Work Experience

92.1 Sections 8.1 Graduate/specialist level work history

List only your full-time graduate/specialist level work history in chronological order. Please list each continuous employment with the same employer in one item. If your employment with an employer includes non-graduate or non-specialist level work, you should only include the duration of employment that is at the appropriate graduate/specialist level. Write down the name, and city/province and country of your employer in the first column, such as "ABC Limited, Beijing, China". Tell us something more about your employer by choosing a standard description below which best describes the nature of your employer and put in the brackets provided under the name of the employer:

Sole Proprietorship
Partnership
Private Limited Company
Multinational Sole Proprietorship

Multinational Partnership
Multinational Private Limited Company
Listed Company
Listed Multinational Company
Governmental Body
Quasi-governmental Body
Intergovernmental Organization
Voluntary/Religious Organization
Education Institution
Others (Please specify)

92.2 In the second column, write down your last position with each employer. Also, please choose a standard description of occupational level of your last position with the employer from the following occupational description and write in the brackets at the bottom of each box.

Occupational Description	Definition
Top Manager	A person at the top of an organizational hierarchy and is responsible for the overall performance of an organization.
Middle Manager	A person intermediary between top managers and junior managers.
Junior Manager	A person responsible for supervising operational staff and for day-to-day operation of an organization.
Professional	A person whose occupation requires extensive education or specialized training.
Associate Professional	A person who provides technical support to professionals.
Others	

- 92.3 In the "Nature of Duties" column, please briefly state the nature of your job duties, such as "auditing" or "merchandising".
- In the second last column of this section, please state the period of your continuous employment with each employer, such as "Feb 03/Feb 06", in the upper part of each box. Also, please state the duration of employment with each employer in years, such as "3 Yrs", in the lower part of each box.
- Please tick as appropriate the boxes provided in the column of "Please tick if it has met the specifications of the respective profession under the Talent List" and/or the column of "Please tick if it is in MNCs or reputable enterprises", i.e. your respective work experience has contributed to meet the specifications of the respective profession under the Talent List and/or is in MNCs or reputable enterprises.
- 92.6 Sum up the number of years of full-time graduate/specialist level work experience listed and write down the total in section 8.2.
- Any graduate/specialist level work experience listed in section 8.1 should be supported by proof required in paragraph 41 of these Guidance Notes.

#### 93. Career or Academic Accomplishments and Future Plans

- 93.1 In section 9, you may summarize in not more than 500 words your key career or academic accomplishments and your future career plans in Hong Kong and other information which you think we should take into consideration when assessing your application. For applicants under the Achievement-based Points Test, if you have already provided such information in section 6, please do not duplicate the information. Do not write on any separate sheet. Information to be provided in this section may include:
  - (i) taking a leading role in a large-scale project;
  - (ii) serving a prominent client;
  - (iii) any significant impact you brought to an organization or a society;
  - (iv) professional skills possessed by you which you think may substantially contribute to Hong Kong economically or socially;
  - (v) taking a leading role or receiving award(s) in a school activity;
  - (vi) excellent academic performance supported by award(s);
  - (vii) achievements relevant to the respective profession under the Talent List;
  - (viii) career plans in Hong Kong, including details of local business connections, if any; and
  - (ix) any other information which you believe is important when we assess your application.
- 93.2 Information provided in this section should be supported by documentary proof, if any, such as a reference letter on company letterhead paper, signed by an authorized person and endorsed with a company chop (with contact details), or a contract signed with a client.

#### 94. Other information

#### 94.1 <u>Section 10</u>

List all countries or territories, including your country or territory of domicile, where you have lived for 12 months or longer since birth in chronological order, including all countries or territories where your stay has been broken by any short-term departures.

#### 94.2 <u>Section 11 – Language Skills</u>

- 94.2.1 List the language(s) that you are proficient in, including Chinese and/or English. Tick the appropriate boxes provided to indicate whether you have both writing and speaking proficiency in the language and whether the language is your first spoken language.
- 94.2.2 Please refer to paragraphs 46-48 for details of evidence requirement related to language proficiency.

### 94.3

Section 12 – Sector
State in this section the name of the sector which you think can best represent your skills. Please choose one sector below:

Item	Sector	Examples	
1	Academic Research and Education	Nurseries, Tertiary Education,	
1		Academic Research	
	Architecture, Surveying, Engineering and Construction	Landscaping, Architecture,	
2		Surveying, Civil/ Electrical/	
2		Mechanical/ Structural/	
		Environmental Engineering	
3	Arts and Culture	Performing Arts, Fine Arts,	
3		Museums, Libraries, Photography	
	Broadcasting and Entertainment	Broadcasting & Programming,	
4		Motion Picture, Video &	
		Television Programme	
		Production, Sound Record &	
		Music Publishing	
	Business Support and Human Resources	Business Consulting, Company	
5		Secretary, Administrative Support,	
		Human Resources Management,	
		Recruitment Services, Public	
		Relations Services, Advertising,	
		Information Services	
6	Catering and Tourism	Bars, Restaurants, Hotels, Travel	
		Agencies	
7	Commerce and Trade  Financial and Accounting Services	Import & Export, Retail,	
		Wholesale	
8		Accountancy, Banking, Insurance,	
		Securities, Investment Banking	
	Human Health and Veterinary Services	Western Medicine, Chinese	
		Medicine, Dental Services,	
9		Medical Technologists,	
		Occupational Therapists, Nurses,	
		Veterinary Services	
10	Information Technology and	IT Consultancy, Wireline or	
11	Telecommunications	Wireless Communications	
11	Legal Services	Legal Practice	
12	Logistics and Transportation	Logistics, Air Transport, Sea	
	Manufacturing Industries	Transport, Land Transport Electrical, Electronics, Food &	
		Beverages, Chemical, Metals,	
13		Toys, Textiles, Watches,	
		Jewellery, Printing & Publishing	
14	Sports	Sports Activities	
15	Others	Sports Activities	
13	Oulers		

# **PART III**

#### 95. CHECKLIST OF DOCUMENTS

You are required to submit documentary proof on information which you have provided in the application form for the Scheme. Please check if you have attached the following to your duly completed application form [ID(C) 981 (Chinese version) or ID(E) 981 (English version)] before submitting the application:

Application Form Section No.	Item	Guidance Notes Paragraph No.
	Completed all relevant sections of the application form	
1	Your recent photograph has been affixed on page one of the application form	
1	<ul> <li>Copy of valid travel document containing your personal particulars, nationality (if any), residential status in your country of residence (if you are not a national of the country), re-entry visa to the country (if applicable), and date of issue and expiry of the travel document; and/or</li> <li>Copy of PRC resident identity card (if applicable)</li> </ul>	
2	Attached a completed dependant visa/entry permit application form ID 997 and necessary supporting documents for each of the accompanying dependent family members	70-72
3.2	Copy of proofs of personal net worth	18
5.6a	<ul> <li>Copy of Hong Kong permanent identity card of a Hong Kong permanent resident immediate family member;</li> <li>Copy of proof of relationship with the Hong Kong permanent resident immediate family member; and</li> <li>Copy of residential proof of the Hong Kong permanent resident immediate family member</li> </ul>	50
5.6b	<ul> <li>Copy of university graduation certificate of accompanying married spouse;</li> <li>Copy of transcript of academic record of accompanying married spouse (for qualifications not awarded by higher education institutions in Mainland China); or</li> <li>Copy of verification report issued by Center for Student Services and Development of accompanying married spouse (for qualifications awarded by higher education institutions in Mainland China)</li> </ul>	51
6.1	Copy of proof(s) of achievement	57
7	Copy of higher education graduation certificate(s)	32(i), 33(i)
7	<ul> <li>Copy of transcript of academic record (for qualifications not awarded by higher education institutions in Mainland China); or</li> <li>Copy of verification report issued by Center for Student Services and Development (for qualifications awarded by higher education institutions in Mainland China)</li> </ul>	32(ii), 33(ii)
7	Copy of professional qualification/training/membership certificate(s), if any	34(i), 91.6
7	Details relating to the professional qualification/training/ membership claimed, if applicable	34(ii), 91.6
8.1	<ul> <li>Copy of a reference letter from each employer;</li> <li>Copy of company documents for each business owned; or</li> <li>Copy of evidence of self-employment experience</li> </ul>	41
9	Copy of evidence on key career accomplishment/future plan, and other information provided in the section	41, 93.2
11	Copy of language proficiency proof	46-48, 94.2

# **Important Notice**

Notwithstanding that you have already furnished all necessary documents and information stated in these Guidance Notes, you may still be required to submit further supporting documents and information in connection with your application.



# <u>附錄</u> 調整四項輸入人才計劃的申請方式

由二零二三年四月二日起,「優秀人才入境計劃」、「科技人才入境計劃」、「非本地畢業生留港/回港就業安排」和「輸入中國籍香港永久性居民第二代計劃」的申請人須使用電子化服務遞交簽證/進入許可及延長逗留期限的申請。親身遞交、郵遞或投遞等方式遞交的申請將不被接受。

電子化簽證申請服務讓申請人可透過「入境處流動應用程式」、入境處網頁 (<a href="https://www.immd.gov.hk/hkt/index.html">https://www.immd.gov.hk/hkt/index.html</a>) 或 香港 政府 一站 通網 頁 (<a href="https://www.gov.hk/tc/nonresidents/">https://www.gov.hk/tc/nonresidents/</a>) 完成申請程序。

請掃描以下二維碼瀏覽相關網站:





入境處網頁二維碼

香港政府一站通網頁二維碼

香港特別行政區政府 入境事務處 二零二三年四月



## Addendum

# Adjustment of Submission Means for Four Talent Admission Schemes

With effect from 2 April 2023, applicants applying for visa/entry permit and extension of stay application of the Quality Migrant Admission Scheme, Technology Talent Admission Scheme, Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates and Admission Scheme for the Second Generation of Chinese Hong Kong Permanent Residents must submit relevant applications by electronic services. Applications submitted in person, by post or drop-in-box will no longer be accepted.

Electronic services for visa application allow applicants to complete the process of submission through the ImmD mobile application, the ImmD website (<a href="https://www.immd.gov.hk/eng/index.html">https://www.immd.gov.hk/eng/index.html</a>) or the GovHK website (<a href="https://www.gov.hk/en/nonresidents/">https://www.gov.hk/en/nonresidents/</a>).

Please scan the following QR codes to visit the relevant website:



ImmD website QR Code



GovHK website QR Code

Immigration Department
The Government of the Hong Kong
Special Administrative Region
April 2023



# Notice of Amendment to "Quality Migrant Admission Scheme Guidance Notes" ID(E) 982

# Paragraph 3 is amended to read as:

The Scheme is not applicable to nationals of Afghanistan, Cuba, and Korea (Democratic People's Republic of).

Immigration Department
The Government of the Hong Kong
Special Administrative Region
October 2023

Amendment Notice to ID(E) 982 (1/2023)