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Hong Kong Immigration Information

HONG KONG

Hong Kong has its own charm which often attracts people to visit the city, so much so that many stay back for years or even forever!

Hong Kong is now famous for being a leading financial centre in East Asia, with the presence of local and some of the most recognized banks from around the world. Hong Kong is also famous for its transition port, transporting a significant volume of exports from China to the rest of the world. With its political and legal independence, Hong Kong is known as the Oriental Pearl with a twist of British influence in the culture.

Hong Kong is much more than a HARBOR city. The traveller weary of its crowded streets may be tempted to describe it as Hong KONG CRETE. Yet, this territory with its cloudy mountains and rocky islands is mostly a rural landscape. Much of the countryside is classified as Country Park and, although 7 million people are never far away, it is possible to find pockets of wilderness that will reward the more intrepid tourist.

HONG KONG QUALITY MIGRANT ADMISSION SCHEME

OVERVIEW

Hong Kong Quality Migrant Admission scheme seeks to draw highly skilled fresh overseas immigrants for the motto of enhancing country's economy further. These forthcoming immigrants are the ones intending to reside in Hong Kong to discover employment or business startup prospects. The successful lot out of them has the freedom to bring their spouse and dependent children (should be unmarried and under the age of 18) under the condition to support them financially on their own resources.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR HONG KONG QUALITY MIGRANT ADMISSION SCHEME (QMAS)

The Quality Migrant Admission Scheme is a quota-based entrant scheme in Hong Kong that was implemented in the year 2006. This is meant for skilled individuals and entrepreneurs who wish to stay in Hong Kong in order to pursue professional career and startup businesses respectively. To be eligible to secure entry into the port city under the Quality Migrant Admission Scheme, applicants must satisfy a number of prerequisites, along with clearing a points-based test and competing for quota allocation.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

AGE

Applicants must be minimum 18 years old at the time of filing application.

FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT

Applicants must be capable of supporting themselves financially in getting accommodation, as well as providing support to their dependents.

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Applicants must boast a good character and must not possess any criminal record or previous negative immigration record in Hong Kong. The applicant should be able to provide Police clearance certificate for all countries where he/she has stayed for more than 12 months in last 10 years.

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Applicants must have the proficiency on written, as well as spoken English or Chinese. Applicants with a score of average of 6.0 in IELTS are eligible to apply under QMAS.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION

Applicants must have a good background when it comes to education. Ideally, an applicant should have an undergraduate degree, earned from a recognized university/institution in first class. If an applicant does not possess a degree, his/her technical qualifications, professional experience and achievements are taken into consideration. Applicants with higher post graduate degrees stand an excellent chance in getting application accepted.

POINTS BASED TEST

Applicants meeting the basic eligibility criteria as mentioned above must meet the minimum pass mark requirements under a points-based test system. The minimum pass mark is subject to change without notice.

OPTION 1

General Points Test

Under this test, points are awarded on the basis of a number of factors, such as:

AGE

Younger the better, but those in early 30's get the maximum advantage

ACADEMIC/PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Higher the qualifications, better it is. Degree qualifications in first class and honors are favorably considered. Those with master's degree or double master's degree or still higher qualification like PhD have a definite advantage.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Applicants with decision making capability stand the best chance. More the numbers of years of experience, better it is!

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

- Principal applicant is expected to have a minimum score of 6.0 average score under the IELTS factor.
- Family factors such as spousal qualifications and number of children and their age.

Eligibility Criteria	Level of Points
Age	Those in early 30s have the maximum advantage. Although younger applicants have a better chance.
Academic Qualifications	Applicants with higher qualifications are preferred.
Work Experience	Applicants with higher number of years of total work experience are preferred. Also, those in decision making capacity have a good chance.
Language Skills	An average score of 6.0 in IELTS is expected.

The minimum passing mark under the General Points Test is 80 out of total 165 points.

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OPTION 2

Achievement-based Points Test

The Achievement-based Points Test is formatted to attract foreign nationals with distinctive talent / skill and excellent achievements. Applicants can score points under this test on the basis of any of the following factors:

- On receiving award(s) for distinctive achievement, such as a Nobel Prize or an Olympic medals;
OR
- On getting acknowledgment for significant contribution to a particular field. A lifetime achievement award in a particular industry is good example of that.

APPLICATION PROCESS FOR HONG KONG QUALITY MIGRANT ADMISSION SCHEME (QMAS)

Hong Kong immigration experts at Taurus cater to the entire application processing to all the clients interested to live and work in Hong Kong. For your convenience, we have delineated the application process as follows:

SELECTION OF APPLICANTS

As an applicant, you would be allotted to a particular quota of applicants. During the time of processing, you must meet all the prerequisites as well as clear all the individual requirements by scoring a minimum pass mark. This applies to both - the General Points Test and Achievement-based Points Test, wherein you need to obtain the one-point scoring factor.

You would then be ranked with all the other applicants based on your scores. If you are among the high ranking or scoring applicants, you would be short listed for further evaluation. Here, the decision would be taken by both the Director of Immigration as well as the Advisory Committee (members consist of official and non-official members selected by the Chief Executive of the HKSAR). You would be assessed based on the socio-economic needs of Hong Kong along with other relative factors. The Advisory Committee would then recommend the Director on the best way to go about the allocation of the quotas for each selection process. If you are a high scoring applicant, you might not need to be a part of the quota allotment. The final decision is then published on the website of the Immigration Department.

APPROVAL-IN-PRINCIPLE

If you have been allotted a quota in the above step, you would be issued an approval letter. This is known as the Approval-in-Principle letter. You would then have to come to Hong Kong for an interview. You must present all their original documents with the Immigration Department. However, an Approval-in-Principle letter is not a visa and does not indicate a guaranteed entry or reside permanently in the nation.

ISSUANCE OF ENTRY VISA / ENTRY APPLICATION

After all your documents have been verified to a satisfactory level, you would be issued an entry application / entry visa under this scheme allowing you to live in Hong Kong.

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GENERAL POINTS TEST

	Factors	Points
1		
	18-39	30
	40-44	20
	45-50	15
	51 or above	0
2	Academic/Professional Qualifications (Maximum 45 points)	
	Two or more Doctoral Degrees	45
	Doctoral Degree / Two or more Master Degrees	40
	Master Degree / Two or more Bachelor Degrees	35
	Bachelor Degree / Professional Qualification awarded by a nationally or internationally recognized or acclaimed professional body which demonstrates that the holder has a very high level of technical expertise or skill	30
3	Work Experience (Maximum 50 points)	
	Not less than 10 years' graduate or specialist level work experience, including at least 5 years in a senior role	50
	Not less than 5 years' graduate or specialist level work experience, including at least 2 years in a senior role	40
	Not less than 5 years' graduate or specialist level work experience	30
	Not less than 2 years' graduate or specialist level work experience	10
4	Language Proficiency (Maximum 20 points)	
	Being proficient both in written and spoken Chinese (Putonghua or Cantonese) and English	20
	Being proficient in at least one foreign language (written and spoken) in addition to written and spoken Chinese (Putonghua or Cantonese) or English	15
	Being proficient in written and spoken Chinese (Putonghua or Cantonese) or English	10
5	Family Background (Maximum 20 points)	
5.1	At least one immediate family member (married spouse, parents, siblings and children) is a Hong Kong permanent resident residing in Hong Kong	
5.2	Accompanying married spouse is educated to the equivalent level of a degree or above	
5.3	5 points for each accompanying unmarried dependent child under the age of 18, maximum 10 points	
Maximum 165 Points		

Prevailing Minimum Passing Mark

The prevailing minimum passing mark is 80.*

HONG KONG QUALITY MIGRANT TALENT SCHEME APPLICATION PROCESS

