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# VISA APPLICATION BRIEFING SESSION

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QUESTIONS



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# A. IMPORTANT NOTES



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## A. IMPORTANT NOTES



All students without the right of abode/right to land in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) **MUST** apply for an HKSAR student visa for the purpose of education.



Students who use travel visa or travel endorsement to participate in any classes, tutorials and other academic-related activities will be regarded as illegal.



It is the responsibility of individual students to make appropriate visa arrangements before they come to Hong Kong.



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## A. IMPORTANT NOTES

- You can apply for Student Visa with a conditional or firm offer.
- However, you will need your firm offer and confirm it to get your actual visa.

# ACCEPT CONDITIONAL/ FIRM OFFER



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**Firm Offer**

Offer of admission

It is my great pleasure to offer you admission to the University of Hong Kong. **This is a firm offer** with details as set out below:

Academic year	2025-26
Programme	6901 - Bachelor of Science
Duration	4 years
Entry	Year 1
Study mode	Full time
Category	Non-local student
Composition fee	HK\$218,000 per annum
Start of teaching	September 1, 2025

**Conditional Offer**

Offer of admission

It is my great pleasure to offer you admission to the University of Hong Kong. **This is a conditional offer** with details as set out below:

Academic year	2025-26
Programme	6999 - Computing and Data Science
Duration	4 years
Entry	Year 1
Study mode	Full time
Category	Non-local student
Composition fee	HK\$218,000 per annum
Start of teaching	September 1, 2025

This offer is conditional upon your obtaining the following on or before August 17, 2025:

- An International Baccalaureate Diploma with 38 points or better (including bonus points), including grade 6 or

## A. IMPORTANT NOTES

# ACCOUNTS CREATED BY THE HKU ADMISSION OFFICE



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- Some students may have received an email to start our application with account created by HKU. Please click on the link sent to your email to activate your application account.

Dear applicant,

Your HKU Student Visa Application account was created by the HKU Admission Office. Please click on the following link or copy and paste it into your browser to activate your online student visa application account:

[https://studentvisaapp.hku.hk/user/reset/\[REDACTED\]](https://studentvisaapp.hku.hk/user/reset/[REDACTED])

This link can only be used once to log in and will lead you to a page where you can set your password.

Please note:

1. Your registered email account should be valid throughout the whole application process. All future correspondence will be sent to your registered email address.
2. Each registered account can be used for ONE visa application only.

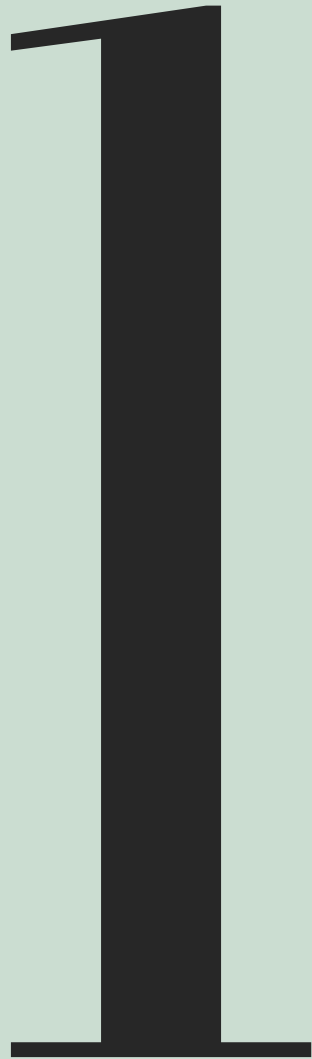
- Should you intend to change your Degree programme from the one you are currently applying for the student visa, please inform us using the Message AO box inside the visa system.

# B. APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS



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# Register for a new account

Registered Email Address \*

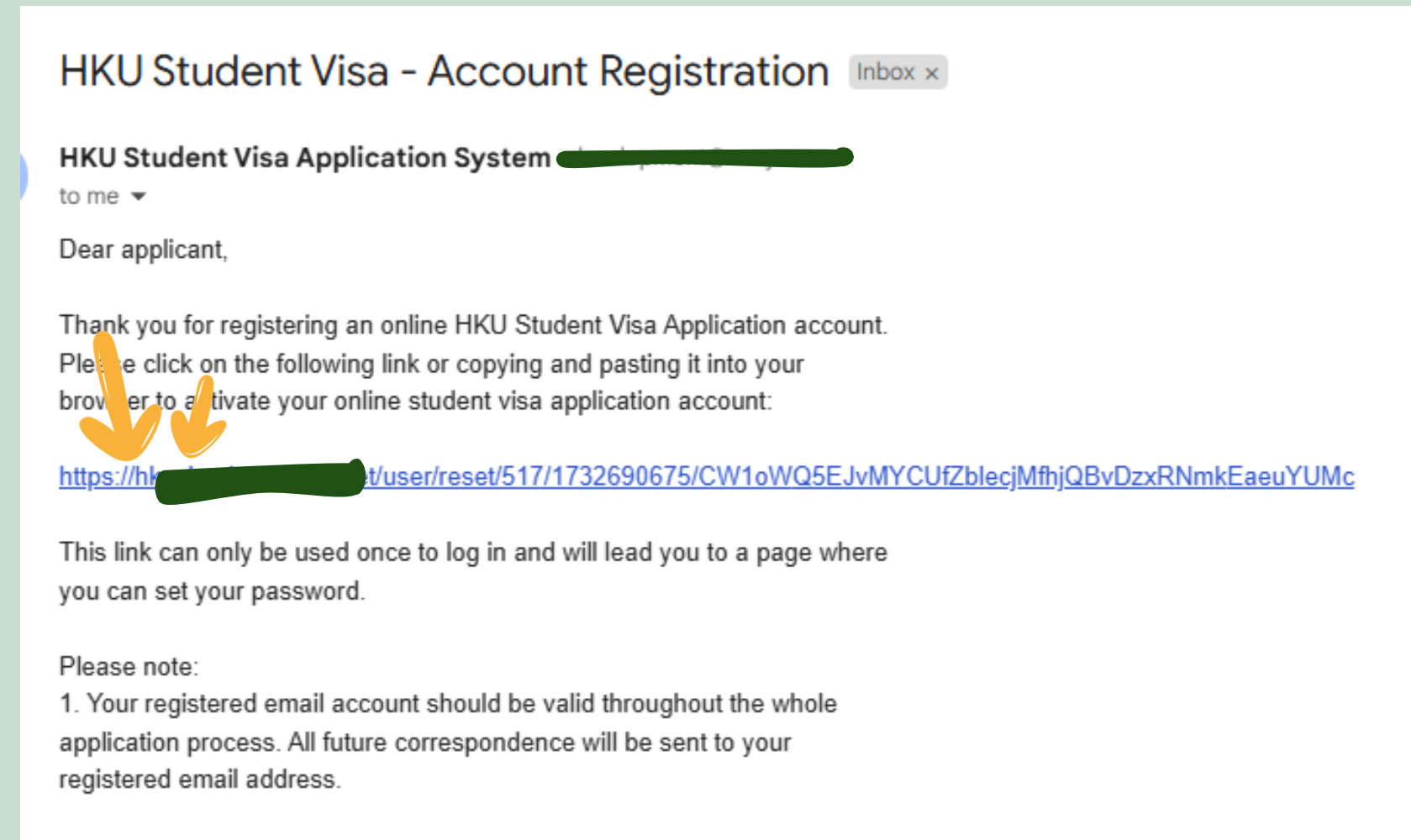
  
  

Password \*

  
  
 Remember me [Forgot your password?](#)

**Log in**

Don't have an account yet? [Register Now](#)



**Register**

Email Address \*

  
  
 I accept that all the data in this form and those the University is authorized to obtain will be used for purposes related to the processing and administration of my application in the university context. I note the general principles of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance as set out in the Personal Information Collection Statement and the General Data Protection Regulation.

**Register**

Already have an account? [Login Now](#)

## Set up your password via the link sent to your email.

# Please fill in all your information accordingly as it directly affects the documents you are required to upload



Your new password has been saved.

**\*\*Please click "Register Now" at the bottom of this page if you would like to start a new student visa application for your study in HKU.**

**\*\*If you intend to apply for an extension of stay in Hong Kong or any changes related to your current visa, please click the following link:**

**For Mainland students:** <https://studentvisa-mainland.hku.hk/>

**For overseas students (including Macao and Taiwan):** <https://studentvisa-overseas.hku.hk/>

Start Application

### Start Visa Application

New student visa application for entry to Hong Kong

- for non-local freshmen without right of abode/right to land in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR).
- for current students continuing studies in HKU while visa expires

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Home / New Visa Application

## New Visa Application

[Guidelines & Notes](#) | [Frequently Asked Questions](#) Message A0

STEP 1

### Applicant Information

**Filling Personal Information**

Please read through Guidelines & Notes and prepare all required documents to complete the application. Please fill in all information correctly to ensure an efficient visa application process.

[Fill Now](#)

1 Filling Personal Information | 2 Filling Study Information | 3 Filling Travel Arrangements | 4 Applicant Information Pending Submission | 5 Applicant Information Submitted

### Basic Information

Surname in English \*

Given Names in English \*

As shown on your most recent travel document. Please convert all special characters and diacritics into English alphabets if your name contains any. If you do not hold this, please input "-".

Name in Chinese (if applicable)

As shown on your most recent travel document.

Gender \*  Date of Birth \*

National/Permanent Resident of \*

Place of Birth \*



**The visa application fee is 1100HKD.  
You may choose your application  
option and pay the relevant  
application fee.**

- **via Admissions Office**
- **via the HK ImmD platform by  
yourself\***

\*Only applicable to students who have received FIRM admission offer. You will be responsible for monitoring the application progress and collecting your visa permit.

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Home / New Entry Visa Application / Payment


## Payment

Application via Admissions Office: HK\$1100.00

I request and **authorize the Admissions Office to act as my sponsor** for a student visa for study in Hong Kong, to lodge the official visa application with Immigration Department of the Hong Kong SAR (ImmD), **to coordinate with ImmD throughout all application stages and collect the visa permit liable on my behalf.**

**⚠ Please note that the application fee paid is non-refundable under all circumstances, even if the visa application is rejected or delayed due to applicant's failure in fulfilling application requirements.**

Total Amount: HK\$1100.00

 [Proceed to Payment](#)

STEP 3

### Applicant Documents

✔ Reviewing Softcopies

The Admissions Office has received your softcopies, and they are currently pending for review. We kindly request your patience as HKU carefully evaluates your documents. The review process may take up to 5 working days during peak season. Please wait for our confirmation email before proceeding further.

STEP 4

Processing by Admissions Office

STEP 5

Processing by Immigration Department

STEP 6

Firm Admissions Offer Submission

STEP 7

Visa Permit

STEP 8

Enrollment Details

### Copy of your Passport

*Photocopy of your passport with your personal particulars in full page*

No file chosen

Allowed types: pdf docx doc jpg jpeg png.

### Copy of your financial proof

*Bank statement/Pay slip/Letter with the account holder's full name and the latest balance amount within the recent 3 months; OR the Scholarship award letter showing the awardee full name, amount and condition(s)*

No file chosen

Allowed types: pdf docx doc jpg jpeg png.

### Copy of your HKU Student Card

No file chosen

Allowed types: pdf docx doc jpg jpeg png.

Save

Submit

**Upload all your documents  
for AO's review**

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## B. APPLICATION PROCEDURES (OVERSEAS STUDENTS)

PREPARE REQUIRED  
DOCUMENTS  
(file size under 2mb)



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1. A completed **ID995A form**
2. A copy of your complete set of the **admission offer letter**
3. A copy of your **Passport**
4. Copy of **financial proof**
5. A signed form of the nomination of the guardian with a copy of the parent's passport (*for applicants under age of 18*)
6. *Copy of your birth certificate*
7. *Your recent photograph*

◦ For documents that are NOT in Chinese or English, a CERTIFIED translation in Chinese OR English is required

## B. APPLICATION PROCEDURES (OVERSEAS STUDENTS)

# PREPARE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS



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### Hong Kong Immigration Department Application Form (ID 995A)

Complete Pages 1 to 4 and sign & date each page

Softcopies Received

Submission 1

### Copy of the Offer of Admission

Complete set with all pages including the acceptance proof (e.g. signed reply slip, screen capture of system/email), if applicable

Softcopies Received

Submission 1

### Copy of your Passport

Photocopy of your passport with your personal particulars in full page

Softcopies Received

Submission 1

### A signed financial sponsor's supporting letter

Softcopies Received

Submission 1

### Copy of the financial proof from your financial sponsor

Bank statement/Pay slip/Letter with the account holder's full name and the latest balance amount within the recent 3 months

Softcopies Received

Submission 1

### Copy of the passport of your financial sponsor

Photocopy of your financial sponsor's passport with your personal particulars in full page

Softcopies Received

Submission 1

### A signed Guardian Nomination form

Please nominate EITHER a Local Guardian (please attach his/her Hong Kong Identity Card) OR the HKU as guardian

Softcopies Received

Submission 1

### Copy of your birth certificate

Softcopies Received

Submission 1

### Your Recent Photograph

A full-face photograph with a plain-coloured background, similar to a passport photo.

Hardcopies Received

- For any documents that are not in Chinese or English, a CERTIFIED translation in Chinese OR English is required

## B. APPLICATION PROCEDURES (OVERSEAS STUDENTS)

### 2. PREPARE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

# REQUIRED DOCUMENTS (NO.1)



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Hong Kong Immigration Department Application Form (ID 995A)  
Complete Pages 1 to 4 and sign & date each page

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Submission 1

Copy of the Offer of Admission  
Complete set with all pages including the acceptance proof (e.g. signed reply slip, screen capture of system/email), if applicable

Softcopies Received

### 1. Hong Kong SAR Immigration Department Application Form for Entry for Study in Hong Kong (ID 995A)

- Print Page 1-4 with A4 paper (one-side printing is preferred)
- Make sure the barcode is clearly displayed at the bottom of each page.
- Sign each page in the bottom right corner as needed.
- Attach a recent passport photo with a plain background.

Copy of the passport of your financial sponsor  
Photocopy of your financial sponsor's passport with your personal particulars in full page

Softcopies Received

Submission 1

A signed Guardian Nomination form  
Please nominate EITHER a Local Guardian (please attach his/her Hong Kong Identity Card) OR the HKU as guardian

Softcopies Received

Submission 1

Copy of your birth certificate

Softcopies Received

Submission 1

## B. APPLICATION PROCEDURES (OVERSEAS STUDENTS)

### 2. PREPARE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

# REQUIRED DOCUMENTS (NO.2)



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Hong Kong Immigration Department Application Form (ID 995A)  
Complete Pages 1 to 4 and sign & date each page

Softcopies Received

Submission 1

**Copy of the Offer of Admission**  
Complete set with all pages including the acceptance proof (e.g. signed reply slip, screen capture of system/email), if applicable

Softcopies Received

Submission 1

**Copy of your Passport**  
Photocopy of your passport with your personal particulars in full page

Softcopies Received

Submission 1

**A signed financial sponsor's supporting letter**

Softcopies Received

Submission 1

**Copy of the financial proof from your financial sponsor**  
Bank statement/Pay slip/Letter with the account holder's full name and the latest balance amount within the recent 3 months

Softcopies Received

Submission 1

**Copy of the passport of your financial sponsor**  
Photocopy of your financial sponsor's passport with your personal particulars in full page

Softcopies Received

Submission 1

**A signed Guardian Nomination form**  
Please nominate EITHER a Local Guardian (please attach his/her Hong Kong Identity Card) OR the HKU as guardian

Softcopies Received

Submission 1

**Copy of your birth certificate**

Softcopies Received

Submission 1

## 2. Complete set of Offer of Admission

- EITHER a conditional offer OR a confirmed offer of admission is acceptable
- Conditional offer holders will be asked to submit a confirmed offer of admission when it is available

## B. APPLICATION PROCEDURES (OVERSEAS STUDENTS)

### 2. PREPARE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

# REQUIRED DOCUMENTS (NO.3)



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Hong Kong Immigration Department Application Form (ID 995A)  
Complete Pages 1 to 4 and sign & date each page

Softcopies Received

Submission 1

Copy of the Offer of Admission  
Complete set with all pages including the acceptance proof (e.g. signed reply slip, screen capture of system/email), if applicable

Softcopies Received

Submission 1

**Copy of your Passport**  
Photocopy of your passport with your personal particulars in full page

Softcopies Received

Submission 1

A signed financial sponsor's supporting letter

Softcopies Received

Submission 1

Copy of the financial proof from your financial sponsor  
Bank statement/Pay slip/Letter with the account holder's full name and the latest balance amount within the recent 3 months

Softcopies Received

Submission 1

Copy of the passport of your financial sponsor  
Photocopy of your financial sponsor's passport with your personal particulars in full page

Softcopies Received

Submission 1

A signed Guardian Nomination form  
Please nominate EITHER a Local Guardian (please attach his/her Hong Kong Identity Card) OR the HKU as guardian

Softcopies Received

Submission 1

Copy of your birth certificate

Softcopies Received

Submission 1

### 3. Photocopy of Passport

- Make sure your passport validity period can cover the whole study duration & with validity for at least six months beyond your study duration.
- If not, the approved duration will then be shorter than your normal study duration.



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## B. APPLICATION PROCEDURES (OVERSEAS STUDENTS)

### 2. PREPARE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

# REQUIRED DOCUMENTS (NO.4)



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Hong Kong Immigration Department Application Form (ID 995A)  
Complete Pages 1 to 4 and sign & date each page  
Softcopies Received

Submission 1

Copy of the Offer of Admission  
Complete set with all pages including the acceptance proof (e.g. signed reply slip, screen capture of system/email), if applicable  
Softcopies Received

Submission 1

Copy of your Passport  
Photocopy of your passport with your personal particulars in full page  
Softcopies Received

Submission 1

**Copy of your financial proof**  
Bank statement/Pay slip/Letter with the account holder's full name and the latest balance amount within the recent 3 months; OR the Scholarship award letter showing the awardee full name, amount and condition(s)  
Softcopies Received

Submission 1

### Suggested amount (for reference only):

- HK\$100,000-\$150,000 for one full-year study
- Foreign currency equivalent to the amount mentioned above is acceptable.
- HK ImmD will do the final assessment.

#### 4. If you will be sponsoring yourself:

Please upload:

Documents/statements showing that you have adequate means to finance your studies in Hong Kong (e.g. bank statement(s) within 3 months, award letters of financial aid or scholarship, etc.)

If you will receive a full-tuition fee scholarship or a full-ride scholarship, you are required to upload additional financial documents for supporting your living expenses in Hong Kong.

## B. APPLICATION PROCEDURES (OVERSEAS STUDENTS)

### 2. PREPARE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

# REQUIRED DOCUMENTS (NO.5,6,7)



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Hong Kong Immigration Department Application Form (ID 995A)  
Complete Pages 1 to 4 and sign & date each page  
Softcopies Received

Submission 1

Copy of the Offer of Admission  
Complete set with all pages including the acceptance proof (e.g. signed reply slip, screen capture of system/email), if applicable  
Softcopies Received

Submission 1

Copy of your Passport  
Photocopy of your passport with your personal particulars in full page  
Softcopies Received

Submission 1

A signed financial sponsor's supporting letter  
Softcopies Received

Submission 1

Copy of the financial proof from your financial sponsor  
Bank statement/Pay slip/Letter with the account holder's full name and the latest balance amount within the recent 3 months  
Softcopies Received

Submission 1

Copy of the passport of your financial sponsor  
Photocopy of your financial sponsor's passport with your personal particulars in full page  
Softcopies Received

Submission 1

A signed Guardian Nomination form  
Please nominate EITHER a Local Guardian (please attach his/her Hong Kong Identity Card) OR the HKU as guardian  
Softcopies Received

Submission 1

Copy of your birth certificate  
Softcopies Received

Submission 1

### 5,6,7. If you have a financial sponsor:

Please upload:

- 1.a financial supporting letter with handwritten signature from your sponsor
- 2.a photocopy of financial sponsor's bank statement(s) within 3 months and/or income proof(s)
- 3.a photocopy of your financial sponsor's passport

### SUGGESTED AMOUNT (FOR REFERENCE ONLY):

- HK\$100,000-\$150,000 for one full-year study
- Foreign currency equivalent to the amount mentioned above is acceptable.
- HK ImmD will do the final assessment.

## B. APPLICATION PROCEDURES (OVERSEAS STUDENTS)

### 2. PREPARE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

# REQUIRED DOCUMENTS (NO.8,9)



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Hong Kong Immigration Department Application Form (ID 995A)  
Complete Pages 1 to 4 and sign & date each page  
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Submission 1

Copy of the Offer of Admission  
Complete set with all pages including the acceptance proof (e.g. signed reply slip, screen capture of system/email), if applicable  
Softcopies Received

Submission 1

Copy of your Passport  
Photocopy of your passport with your personal particulars in full page  
Softcopies Received

Submission 1

A signed financial sponsor's supporting letter  
Softcopies Received

Submission 1

Copy of the financial proof from your financial sponsor  
Bank statement/Pay slip/Letter with the account holder's full name and the latest balance amount within the recent 3 months  
Softcopies Received

Submission 1

Copy of the passport of your financial sponsor  
Photocopy of your financial sponsor's passport with your personal particulars in full page  
Softcopies Received

Submission 1

A signed Guardian Nomination form  
Please nominate EITHER a Local Guardian (please attach his/her Hong Kong Identity Card) OR the HKU as guardian  
Softcopies Received

Submission 1

Copy of your birth certificate  
Softcopies Received

Submission 1

**8, 9. If you are below 18 when you submit your visa application and/or at the commencement of your study programme in HKU:**

Please upload

- 1.a guardian nomination letter with handwritten signature
- 2.a copy of your birth certificate (with official translation in English or Chinese if applicable)

## B. APPLICATION PROCEDURES (OVERSEAS STUDENTS)

### 2. PREPARE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

# REQUIRED DOCUMENTS (NO.10)



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### Your Recent Photograph

A full-face photograph with a plain-coloured background, similar to a passport photo.

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- The photograph should show your full frontal face with clear facial features.
- The photograph should have a plain white background.
- The size of the photograph must be 40mm (width) X 50mm (height). The size from chin to crown for the person in the photograph should be 32mm to 36mm. There should be sufficient headroom.

#### 拍攝規格 Photography



陰影  
Shadow



不置中  
Not centred



光度不足  
Too dark



過度曝光  
Too light

#### 頭髮及頭飾 Hair & Accessories



頭髮遮擋眼睛或眉毛  
Hair across eyes or eyebrows



佩戴頭飾  
Head coverings

#### 其他 Others



釘書釘  
Stapled



萬字夾  
Clipped

### 相片規格 Photograph Requirements

40毫米(闊) mm (W)

50毫米(高) mm (H)

32-36 毫米 mm

- 40毫米 (闊) x 50毫米 (高)
- 下頷至頭頂尺寸: 32毫米至36毫米
- 正面並清楚顯示面容特徵的彩色近照
- 白色背景
- 40mm (W) x 50mm (H)
- Size from chin to crown: 32mm to 36mm
- Recent colour photograph showing full frontal face with clear facial features
- Plain white background

## B. Application Procedures (Overseas Students)

### 2. Prepare required documents

# ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

MACAO STUDENTS	TAIWAN STUDENTS
1. A copy of your Macao identity card	1. A copy of your Taiwan identity card
2. A copy of your Visit Permit for the Residents of Macao SAR to Hong Kong SAR (澳門居民往來香港特別行政區旅遊證)	2. A copy of your household registration in Taiwan (台灣戶籍謄本)



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After your softcopies have been reviewed, you will have to mail your hardcopies to us.

STEP 3  
**Applicant Documents**  
Pending Hardcopies

Your softcopies have been reviewed. Please follow our email instructions to mail your full set of application hardcopies. Your prompt response is highly appreciated to avoid any delay in your visa application.

[Mail Document](#)

STEP 4  
Processing by Admissions Office

STEP 5  
Processing by Immigration Department

STEP 6  
**Firm Admissions Offer Submission**  
Pending Firm Offer Letter

Please note that your student visa will not be released until all condition(s) on your offer of admission have been satisfied. The ImmD also needs to receive your confirmed offer of admission (letter/email) to verify your admission status in HKU.

[Upload Firm Offer](#)

STEP 7  
Visa Permit

If you applied for your student visa using your Conditional Offer, you may upload your FIRM offer here once you receive it. Without a FIRM offer, your visa will not be sent to you.

Please mail the hardcopies of the following documents to the Admissions Office. Details will be sent to your registered e-mail address.

**Cover Letter** [Download cover letter](#) **Print your cover letter here!**

**Hong Kong Immigration Department Application Form (ID 995A)**  
Complete Pages 1 to 4 and sign & date each page  
[R25MU00021\\_id995a.pdf \(4.02 MB\)](#)

**A signed declaration of Entry for Study in Hong Kong**  
[R25MU00021\\_mainland\\_declaration.pdf \(4.02 MB\)](#)

**Copy of the Offer of Admission**  
Complete set with all pages including the acceptance proof (e.g. signed reply slip, screen capture of system/email), if applicable  
[R25MU00021\\_admissions\\_offer.pdf \(4.02 MB\)](#)

## HKU Student Visa - Application Hardcopy Documents Receipt Acknowledgement

HKU Student Visa Application System

to me

HKU Visa Application Number: R25MU00021

Dear

Please note that the hardcopy set of your student visa application documents is received and currently under review.

Once all documents are verified and deemed in order, we will forward your student visa application to the Immigration Department of the HKSAR (ImmD). Please be advised that the ImmD's standard processing time ranges from 6 to 8 weeks. This duration may extend during peak seasons or if the ImmD requests additional documents.

You will be notified again when your application is submitted to the ImmD. Should there be any subsequent change in your programme/curriculum of study, please inform us immediately via the contact link provided below. You may be required to submit a new visa application and pay the associated fee again, if the ImmD opts not to proceed with your current application when there are significant changes.

Please note that you are not allowed to commence your study before your student visa has been approved and activated.

Regards,

Admissions Office, Registry

The University of Hong Kong

Website: <https://studentvisa.hku.hk/>

Upon receipt of your hardcopies, you will receive an acknowledgment email from us.

STEP 3

### Applicant Documents

Processing by AO

We acknowledge receipt of your hardcopies, which are currently being processed by the Admissions Office. Please check your registered email regularly for status updates. Please be advised that there may be an extended processing time for the Admissions Office to submit your visa applications to the Hong Kong Immigration Department during summer peak season.

STEP 4

### Processing by Admissions Office

Processing by AO

STEP 5

### Processing by Immigration Department

STEP 6

### Firm Admissions Offer Submission

Pending Firm Offer Letter

Please note that your student visa will not be released until all condition(s) on your offer of admission have been satisfied. The ImmD also needs to receive your confirmed offer of admission (letter/email) to verify your admission status in HKU.

Upload Firm Offer

STEP 7

### Visa Permit

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Please patiently await for our submission of your documents to the ImmD for further processing.

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The processing time for HK ImmD takes about 6-8 weeks or even longer during summer peak season.

STEP 4  
**Processing by Admissions Office**  
✔ Submitted to ImmD  
batch pending for submission

STEP 5  
**Processing by Immigration Department**  
🕒 ImmD Reviewing  
Please note that the processing time for HK ImmD normally takes 6-8 weeks or even longer during summer peak season. In the meantime, if you are holding a conditional offer, you may also upload your FIRM offer letter in step 6 for our verification. Please patiently wait for our updates through email.

STEP 6  
**Firm Admissions Offer Submission**  
🕒 Pending Firm Offer Letter  
Please note that your student visa will not be released until all condition(s) on your offer of admission have been satisfied. The ImmD also needs to receive your confirmed offer of admission (letter/email) to verify your admission status in HKU.  
[Upload Firm Offer](#)

STEP 7  
**Visa Permit**

STEP 8  
**Enrollment Details**

## HKU Student Visa - Application Submitted to HK Immigration Department

HKU Student Visa Application System <development@hku.hk>  
to me ▾

HKU Visa Application Number: R25MU00021  
Dear [REDACTED],

Your student visa application has been submitted to the Immigration Department (ImmD) for processing today. We will keep you posted if we hear from the ImmD.

Under normal circumstances, the processing and approval of your visa application by the ImmD are expected to take approximately 6-8 weeks from the date of this notification. Consequently, you should anticipate further communication from us in approximately 6 weeks' time.

Please be aware that the ImmD holds exclusive authority to approve or reject an application. You may be requested to provide additional information and/or documents, either in softcopies or hardcopies, to the satisfaction of the ImmD. The processing times may extend during peak seasons or if supplementary documents are required by the ImmD.

Upon approval of your student visa application by the ImmD, you will be notified by email. As HKU is the sponsor of your student visa, our office will arrange payment for your visa permit. Subsequently, instructions for the online collection of your permit will be provided.

Please note that you must wait for the visa approval and the visa permit for entering Hong Kong. If you entered HK as a Visitor, you would need to exit and re-enter HK again upon collection of your visa permit to activate your Student Visa. You are also not allowed to commence your study before your student visa is activated.

If you still have not uploaded a firm offer, please upload your FIRM offer for our verification.



STEP 5  
**Processing by Immigration Department**  
✔ ImmD Approved

Your visa application has been successfully approved by the Hong Kong Immigration Department (ImmD). Your visa permit will be scheduled for collection when your offer is Firm/Confirmed. If you are holding a conditional offer, you may also upload your FIRM offer letter in step 6 once it is available for our verification. Please patiently wait for our updates through email.

STEP 6  
**Firm Admissions Offer Submission**  
✔ Firm Offer Letter Checked

Your uploaded firm offer letter had been reviewed. You may patiently wait for the collection of your student visa once the HK ImmD has approved your student visa application (status shown in step5 if applicable).

STEP 7  
**Visa Permit**  
🕒 Pending Visa Permit Collection from HK ImmD

Visa Permit will be collected according to the schedule agreed with HK ImmD. During the summer peak season, it may take up to 5 working days.

STEP 8  
**Enrollment Details**

### HKU Student Visa - Application Approved by HK Immigration Department

HKU Student Visa Application System

to me

HKU Visa Application Number: R25MU00021

Dear

We are pleased to inform you that your student visa application has been successfully approved by the Hong Kong Immigration Department (ImmD).

During the summer peak season, please be aware that it may take up to 5 working days to collect your visa permit from ImmD. We are scheduling the collection on your behalf with ImmD and will notify you again when the permit is ready.

If you are currently holding a Conditional Offer form the University, please be reminded to upload the FIRM OFFER or Confirmed Conditional Offer copy/ screenshot/ email to the HKU visa application system promptly. This is necessary for the release of your visa permit.

You will receive further updates via email after your visa permit has been collected. We appreciate your patience during this process.

## We will collect your visa permit ONLY

- within 3 months prior to your programme's start date
- if the firm offer is uploaded and reviewed.

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HKU Student Visa Application System <development@hku.hk>  
to me ▾  
HKU Visa Application Number: R25MU00021  
Dear [REDACTED]

Please note that your visa permit is ready for download through the link below:

[www.gov.hk/en/residents/immigration/nonpermanent/downloadvisa.htm](http://www.gov.hk/en/residents/immigration/nonpermanent/downloadvisa.htm)

\*\*\*\*\*  
ImmD Reference Number: [REDACTED]  
Date of birth: ddmmyyyy  
Travel Document Number: first 4 digits (including the alphabet)  
(can be your Exit-entry Permit / PRC ID card / Passport no.)  
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If you encounter any difficulties when downloading the e-Visa, you may seek assistance from us through the bottom contact in this email.

Please note that the "latest activation date" printed on the e-Visa CANNOT be changed. If you do not enter Hong Kong prior to this deadline, you will be required to submit a new visa application for entering and studying in Hong Kong. No arrangement for any re-issuance or extension of student visa could be done. You are therefore advised to plan your travel to Hong Kong accordingly.

\*\*If you are currently staying in Hong Kong, you still need to exit and re-enter to activate your student visa.

Please carefully read the below notes for your entry arrangement before coming to Hong Kong (click the link):

\*\*For Full-time Degree students (Master, Bachelor, PhD programmes):  
[https://admissions.hku.hk/sites/default/files/2024-06/For%20visa%20arrangement\\_Mainland\\_Full%20time\\_degree\\_1.pdf](https://admissions.hku.hk/sites/default/files/2024-06/For%20visa%20arrangement_Mainland_Full%20time_degree_1.pdf)

Please patiently wait for the link to download your e-visa.

STEP 5  
**Processing by Immigration Department**  
✔ ImmD Approved

Your visa application has been successfully approved by the Hong Kong Immigration Department (ImmD). Your visa permit will be scheduled for collection when your offer is Firm/Confirmed. If you are holding a conditional offer, you may also upload your FIRM offer letter in step 6 once it is available for our verification. Please patiently wait for our updates through email.

STEP 6  
**Firm Admissions Offer Submission**  
✔ Firm Offer Letter Checked

Your uploaded firm offer letter had been reviewed. You may patiently wait for the collection of your student visa once the HK ImmD has approved your student visa application (status shown in step5 if applicable).

STEP 7  
**Visa Permit**  
✔ Visa Permit Released

The e-Visa package has been emailed to you. Please read carefully all details and follow the instructions for entry to HK for study.

[Download Visa Permit](#)

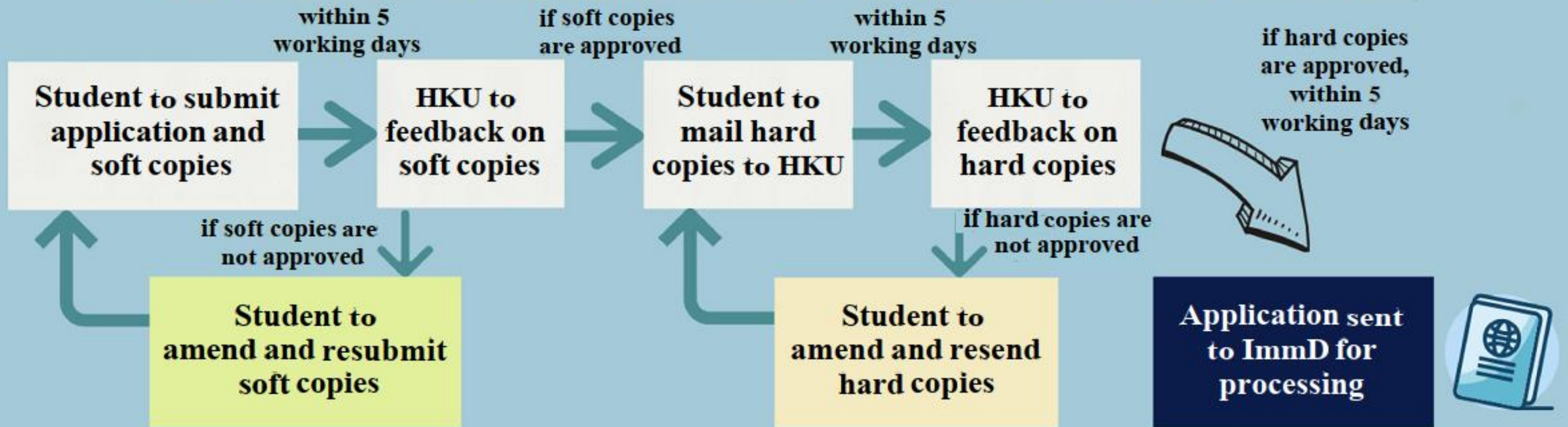
STEP 8  
**Enrollment Details**  
⏰ Pending Enrollment Details

Submit your student information and visa permit details after you have successfully completed the master registration to enroll in HKU.

[Submit Enrollment Details](#)

Should the download link become invalid in a few months, you can download the visa permit and NOL here in PDF format.

# Application Process & Timeline for Student Visa



\*1 The Immigration Department (ImmD) is the official authority in evaluating visa application. The processing time may be longer if additional information is requested by ImmD. There is no expedited service offered by the ImmD.



\*2 The visa will be collected only  
 1) within 3 months prior to your programme's start date  
 2) if the firm offer of admissions is uploaded to the visa application system

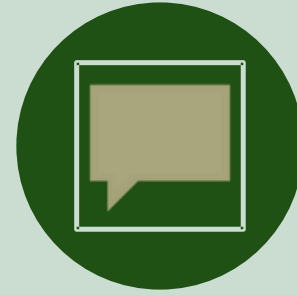


6 to 8 weeks under normal circumstances



## B. Application Procedures (Overseas Students)

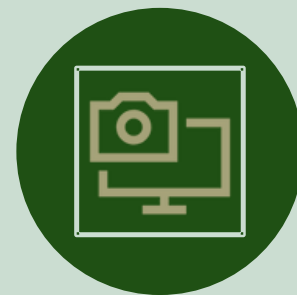
# IMPORTANT NOTES



**START YOUR VISA APPLICATION ASAP ONCE YOU RECEIVED CONDITIONAL/FIRM OFFER**



**FOR STUDENTS WITH INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS, CONFIRM ACCEPTANCE OF YOUR OFFER ASAP**



**FOR COPY OF OFFER LETTER, SCREENSHOTS ARE ALLOWED**



**FOR STUDENTS WITH MULTIPLE OFFERS, CHOOSE YOUR MOST DESIRED MAJOR IN VISA APPLICATION**



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# C. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



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# QUESTION 1

## **Q: WHEN DO I SUBMIT THE APPLICATION HARD COPIES TO ADMISSIONS OFFICE?**

A: Please submit your online visa application via our system and the AO will cross check your uploaded documents with 5 working days.

AFTER your softcopies are checked, we will send you an email with our postal address to ask you to post the hard copies to HKU Admissions Office.



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## QUESTION 2

**Q: IF I HAVE 2 CONDITIONAL OFFERS FROM 2 DIFFERENT UNIVERSITIES IN HK, HOW CAN I APPLY FOR A STUDENT VISA?**

A: You have the option to apply for a student visa at different universities in Hong Kong. However, the Hong Kong Immigration Department requires you to declare the specific programme you intend to pursue before approving the visa.

Your visa application might be put on hold until you have declared your final decision.

Please also note that your visa application/materials cannot be transferred among different universities. You need to submit separate visa applications if needed.



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# QUESTION 3

**Q: IF I WISH TO NOMINATE HKU AS MY GUARDIAN, WHOSE SIGNATURE SHOULD I PUT ON THE “GUARDIAN NOMINATION FORM”?**

A: Please ask your parent/guardian to sign the nomination form and tick the option of “HKU Representative”. The AO will complete the "HKU representative/guardian" section after your submission.

Attached the copy of my/her HKID card for reference.

**The representative of HKU**

I understand and accept that, in taking up the role as a guardian, I am deemed to take up any parental responsibilities for the applicant in the absence of the student's parents/guardian and the Hong Kong Immigration Department in emergency.

I declare that I have read and accept the above conditions.

**Signature of Parent**



# QUESTION 4

**Q: I AM STILL 17 YEARS OLD BUT WILL TURN 18 YEARS OLD AT THE STUDY COMMENCEMENT, DO I NEED A GUARDIAN IF I SUBMIT THE APPLICATION NOW?**

A: Yes. You are required to submit the guardian form and birth certificate if you are still 17 years old when you submit your visa application.



# QUESTION 5

## **Q: I AM RENEWING MY PASSPORT DURING THE VISA APPLICATION PROCESS, IS IT FINE?**

A: HK ImmD will approve your visa based on the passport validity you submit for the visa application.

If your passport validity period cannot cover the whole study duration, the approved duration will then be shorter than your normal study duration.

You need to bring your old (and new passports, if any), together with the e-Visa, when entering HK. After you entered HK, you will have to apply for a visa extension about 6 weeks before your visa expiry (if applicable).



## QUESTION 6

**Q: HOW MUCH DEPOSIT SHOULD I HAVE IN MY BANK ACCOUNT? DO YOU ACCEPT FOREIGN CURRENCY?**

A: Suggested amount: HK\$100,000-\$150,000 for one full-year study (for reference only)

Foreign currency equivalent to the amount mentioned above is acceptable.

HK ImmD will do the final assessment.



# QUESTION 7

**Q: CAN I RECEIVE MY VISA BEFORE MEETING THE OFFER CONDITIONS?**

A: No. You are required to upload your “Firm Offer” Letter onto the system (as proof of your eligibility to register at HKU). Otherwise, Admissions Office will not send the visa/entry permit to you.



# QUESTION 8

**Q: IF I AM NOT ABLE TO FULFIL THE CONDITIONS OF OFFERS FROM HKU, CAN I CHANGE THE VISA APPLICATION TO ANOTHER UNIVERSITY?**

A: No. Please submit another visa application with other universities, and please note that your visa application fee is non-refundable whether your visa application in HKU is successful or not.



# QUESTION 9

**Q: CAN I ENTER HONG KONG TO WAIT FOR A VISA PERMIT?**

A: We do not suggest you come to Hong Kong first. You will be given a visitor permit and HK ImmD will ask you to leave and enter Hong Kong again to activate your student visa.



# QUESTION 10

**Q: CAN I STUDY AT HKU WITH A DEPENDENT VISA/IANG VISA/TOP TALENT PASS SCHEME?**

A: Yes. But please pay attention to your visa expiry and apply for a visa extension directly at HK ImmD within 6 weeks before such expiry date.

If you wish to switch to the student visa, you may submit your application 10-12 weeks before the expiry date.



# QUESTION 11

**Q: DO I NEED TO PROVIDE BANK STATEMENTS OF MY PARENTS IF I WILL SUPPORT MYSELF ON DAILY EXPENSES AND TUITION FEE DURING MY STUDY IN HONG KONG?**

A: No. Please provide your latest (within 3 months) bank statement/financial aid/scholarship) with the suggested amount in your account.



## QUESTION 12

**Q: I HAVE SELECTED MY FINANCIAL SUPPORT IN THE VISA SYSTEM WRONGLY, CAN I SWITCH MY SELECTION? (E.G. FROM “I WILL SUPPORT MYSELF” TO “I HAVE A FINANCIAL SPONSOR”).**

A: Please note that students will be prompted to indicate whether they have a financial sponsor during the application process. If your parent or guardian will be funding your academic and living expenses in Hong Kong, please select “I have a financial sponsor.” Additionally, you must submit a financial proof document with your financial sponsor's name clearly stated on it.

If you have mistakenly chosen the incorrect option, **please continue with your application submission**, and we will review it and request any necessary additional documentation.



## QUESTION 13

### **Q: HOW CAN I RECEIVE THE VISA?**

A: AO will send you an email regarding the details of downloading your e-Visa in due course.

You should save a copy of the e-Visa on your mobile device or print it on a piece of white paper for immigration checking when entering Hong Kong. Please note that the e-Visa contains personal data that you must keep in safe custody.



# QUESTION 14

## **Q: WHEN WILL I GET THE E-VISA?**

A: Your visa permit will be collected from HK ImmD within 3 months before your programme start date.  
*! THIS IS TO ENSURE THAT THE VISA COVERS YOUR ENTIRE STUDY PERIOD.*

For Bachelor students, you will receive the e-Visa from July onwards.



# USEFUL LINKS

Visa Application System:  
<https://studentvisaapp.hku.hk>

HKU Visa Website:  
<https://www.studentvisa.hku.hk>

HKU Offer Holders Webpage:  
<https://admissions.hku.hk/offerholders>

Enquiry:  
<https://www.studentvisa.hku.hk/contact-us>



HKU Visa Website



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